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## 'PA to request arbitration if July 1 deadline isn't met'

JON IMMANUEL  
and news agencies

IF Israel does not reach agreement with the PLO on redeployment and elections by July 1, the Palestinian Authority will call for international arbitration of the issue, PA Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo said yesterday.

At the end of a cabinet meeting in Jericho, devoted to assessing progress in the talks, the feeling conveyed by cabinet ministers was pessimistic.

Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi said that "nothing has been achieved on redeployment" despite reports of accelerated talks on the subject.

Saeb Erekat, chief elections negotiator, said there is a wide gap between Israel's word and deed. "The Israeli attitude seems not to be committed to July 1," he said.

Israel's most optimistic assessment is that talks could be completed by mid-July, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a news conference in Cairo that July 1, the date set for agreement, was a target date and not a deadline.

"It [July 1] is not a deadline, it's a target date. Allow me to say without going into too much detail we are committed as far as the West Bank [goes] to agreeing about redeployment of Israeli forces in two phases," Rabin said.

"Phase number one is to make it possible for Palestinians to have elections the way they decide... and then there is a second phase which is called a further redeployment," added Rabin, who met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Cairo.

The negative attitude, despite speeded-up talks on several fronts, precedes talks between PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Jericho today. The road through Jericho will be closed to Israeli drivers from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. today due to the Christopher visit.

In Cairo, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told the ambassadors of the United States, Britain, and France yesterday that Israel and the PLO must hold to their agreed July 1 deadline for completing negotiations.

His comments appeared to be a response to Rabin's earlier comment that the date is not a deadline.

Israel has cited attacks by Palestinians opposed to the peace process as the reason it is hesitant to pull back its troops in Judea and Samaria.

But Moussa emphasized that redeployment is "an important point" that "should be taken as seriously by the Israeli side as it is taken by the Palestinians."

## Wanted killer gets high PA job

Jerusalem Post Staff

YASSER Abu Samhadana, who was once photographed executing an alleged drug dealer in a Gaza street, has been recruited to the Palestinian security service, Israel Radio reported.

According to Itim, he is serving as a senior commander in the Khan Yunis area.

Abu Samhadana, a former Fatah Hawks leader who fled to Egypt in 1992 and returned two months ago, is suspected of killing and wounding over 15 Israeli soldiers and civilians and killing Palestinians during the Intifada.

He is suspected of leading the lynching of Yehoshua Weissbrod, a reserve soldier who entered Rafiah by mistake in 1993 and was shot dead after being stoned in his car.

A Palestinian Police source told Itim that nearly every weekend, wanted men from all the Palestinian groups make their way back to the Strip from Egypt. But Fatah men are usually drafted into and given key positions in the Palestinian security services, while members of other groups are not, the source said.



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US Secretary of State Warren Christopher waves to reporters after arriving at Damascus Airport yesterday. (Reuters)

## Shahak to discuss Golan compensation in US

ALON PINKAS

A LIST of systems Israel would require from the US as compensation for any Golan Heights withdrawal will be discussed by Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak with top Pentagon and military officials at the same time as his three-day meeting with Syrian Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmet Shihabi, scheduled to begin June 27.

The list, commonly referred to in Israeli defense circles as the "compensation package" or the "needs list," includes the advanced JSTARS surveillance and coordina-

tion airplane, stationary ground early warning stations, satellite transformation and linkage stations, access to US high-resolution satellite information on the region, and other systems that defense sources decline to identify. The sources estimate the total value of the package at over \$2.5 billion.

The list was previously presented to the Americans by former chief of staff Ehud Barak when he visited the US last December and

met Shihabi. The list was again discussed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last month when he met with US Defense Secretary William Perry and again by Shahak in May, when he was hosted by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikavili.

In private, however, Israeli diplomatic and defense sources doubt President Bill Clinton's ability to muster the financial resources an Israeli-Syrian agreement would probably require. Clinton would need to get the approval

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## Israeli, Syrian military chiefs parley June 27

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAELI and Syrian military chiefs of staff will open new talks on security arrangements in Washington on June 27, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced yesterday.

He made his comments to reporters in Damascus after a three-hour meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad before returning to Israel to brief Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for more than an hour on the Damascus talks.

Christopher called his discussion with Assad, which produced a detailed schedule for negotiations through July, "a very productive meeting."

"We had a thorough and constructive discussion of next steps to move the Syrian-Israeli [peace] track to a new and intensive phase," Christopher said.

Reuters reported that the two sides, with the US mediating, have agreed that Syrian Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmat Shihabi, and his Israeli counterpart, Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, will begin talks on June 27 that are expected to last two or three days.

After the initial round of these talks, there will be a break of about two weeks, during which time chief US Middle East strategist Dennis Ross will visit the region for consultations with Assad and Rabin, Christopher said.

Later, lower-level senior mili-

tary officers will resume security talks, while Syrian and Israeli ambassadors to Washington discuss non-security issues, such as the timing of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, he said.

This "detailed and ambitious work plan confirms the determination of the parties to seek an early peace" agreement, said Christopher.

He said Assad "has made very clear that in his mind, this is a period when we must make progress because of the election calendar" in the US and Israel.

But senior US officials acknowledged that the schedule does not go beyond July. What happens after that will depend on how the Israeli-Syrian negotiations go.

Christopher told CNN television in Damascus that US President Bill Clinton would be prepared to make a return trip to Syria and Israel if necessary to conclude a Syrian-Israeli peace agreement.

Clinton "thinks that this is of such importance that he's prepared to do that," Christopher said.

Later, as the secretary of state flew to Israel, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters Clinton had no plans for a trip to the Middle East and that the idea had not been discussed between Christopher and Assad.

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## Soldier stabbed to death with bottle in Dimona pub

AMIR ROZENBLIT

MOSHE Suissa, 20, of Dimona was stabbed to death by a youth wielding a broken beer bottle early yesterday morning in a Dimona pub, after Suissa asked his assailant to stop bothering his girlfriend.

Four youths were detained by police, who believe one of them murdered Suissa as his girlfriend, Hagar Hayoun, 19, and others watched.

According to Suissa's cousin, Fabrice, who witnessed the slaying at the Public Pub in the town's industrial area, "Moshe and Hagar were dancing when a local youth got too close to her, started bothering her, and tried to start up with her. Moshe asked him to stop, and a short time later several youths jumped him, apparently in response to what happened on the dance floor."

"One of them took a beer bottle, smashed it and stabbed Moshe in the chest with the sharp end, twisting it into him. I saw Moshe fall down, bleeding. The youth and his friends didn't make do with that, and started kicking him all over. Then they

disappeared in seconds."

Suissa's cousin called an ambulance, but attempts to save Suissa failed.

Large forces of police arrived at the scene and launched a search for the suspects, who were picked up based on descriptions provided by pub customers.

Investigators determined that neither of the two bouncers at the pub, which was operating without a license, intervened when the attack occurred.

Yesterday the police closed the pub, which has been the scene of several other violent incidents in the short time it has been opened.

Family members described Moshe as a quiet, disciplined soldier. "One of the first things he planned to do when he was released from the army was to buy a 500cc motorcycle, and what did he get instead - a tombstone. How absurd," said his brother, David, with whom he lived. Suissa, who served as a baker in a base near Dimona, had planned to study to become a hotel baker after his demobilization.

## Police crack down on drunk drivers

SEVENTY-NINE motorists were stopped by police for driving under the influence of alcohol Friday night, as part of a three-night nationwide campaign to fight drunken driving.

A total of 1,100 summonses were handed out Friday night for various traffic infractions, and police suspended 94 drivers' licenses. A total of 392 speeding tickets were issued, with seven jailed for serious offenses.

Police staked out nightspots throughout the country and increased their presence on inter-urban highways in the crackdown, which was to continue last night.

Yesterday evening a five-year-old girl was seriously injured and three others people were moderately injured when a car crashed

into a commercial vehicle at the Jezreel intersection. The injured were all taken to Ha'emek Hospital in Afula.

Eleven 11 persons were killed and 52 seriously injured in traffic accidents this week. Three of those killed were pedestrians, including Rivka Badilhi, 64, who was run over by a Dan bus at the Carmelit bus garage in Tel Aviv over the weekend.

Police suspended the licenses of more than 400 motorists this week who committed serious traffic offenses. Among those stopped for speeding was a driving instructor riding a motorcycle, who was clocked at 152 kph.

Since the beginning of the year, 311 people have been killed in traffic accidents in Israel. (Itim)

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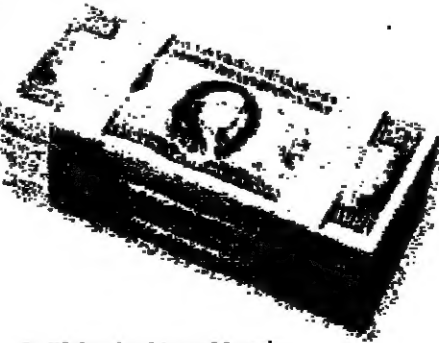
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# PA pressuring Hamas to declare moratorium on attacks against Israel

HAMAS has renewed its dialogue with the Palestinian Authority but has reached no agreement concerning an end to attacks against Israel, a senior Hamas member said yesterday.

Sheikh Inad Falouji, who heads the Islamic Society and is a senior editor of the Hamas weekly *Al-Watan* — closed by the PA for incitement last month — said dialogue is continuing "all the time, but there is no agreement and no sign of an agreement." He said it is too early even to talk of the range and timetable of a cease-fire.

Reports of a Hamas cease-fire promise have surfaced during the past week, partly because Hamas, until now, has been secretive about its talks with the PA. The renewed dialogue has been fueled by intense pressure on the extremist movement from the PA.

Fatah officials in Gaza say calling the contacts a "dialogue" is an overstatement, and that the PA has issued an ultimatum to Hamas. It does not want to give Israel a reason to delay implementation of further self-rule for the Palestinians, promised for July 1.

JON IMMANUEL

Last week another senior Hamas official, Sheikh Ahmed Baher, denied a Saudi report from London that Hamas had already decided to denounce violence and run as a political party. "It is just not true," he told the *Post*.

But cracks in the Hamas's facade are appearing, because despite ideological unanimity in the Islamic movement, there have always been divisions concerning the use and scope of violence, especially inside the Gaza Strip, where the PA rules but where there are Israeli settlements and army patrols.

The nominal Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin is counted with the moderates, but his influence is limited among the extremists because "his statements are maybe influenced by being inside an Israeli prison," said one Hamas member.

In practice, Hamas has been under siege following the explosion of a bomb factory in Gaza on April 2 and the attacks in Kfar Darom on April 9. It has ceased armed attacks against Israeli targets and has also stopped verbally attacking the

Palestinian Police.

But it has made no promises not to resume the offensive, mainly because it is still demanding the release of its detainees and an end to military trials.

Armed attacks have also ceased in the Hebron area. That is not only due to a Hamas decision, but to operations by Israeli security forces since the April attacks.

In Gaza, the Palestinian Police has been more active, uncovering a substantial arms cache in the Zaitoun neighborhood and dozens of stolen Israeli ID cards in Rafiah that were to be used by Hamas gunmen.

Splits have developed inside the Islamic Jihad. Reports from Beirut say that its leader, Fathi Shikaki in Damascus, is being accused of embezzling funds, although the dispute appears to be related to differences on the future use of violence.

Shikaki has questioned the motives of Abdullah Shami, a Gaza Jihad leader, who said this was not the right time to engage in violence against Israel, when he was released last month after three months in Gaza Central Prison.



From left: Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak shake hands before their meeting in Cairo on Friday. (AP)

## Egypt and Israel have improved their relations, says Christopher

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egypt and Israel turned a new page in relations at a summit in Cairo on Friday, according to US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. His optimism was supported by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Christopher brought President Hosni Mubarak and Rabin together for their first meeting in four months at a time which he said offers new opportunities for Middle East peace.

Rabin said he had cleared up most of the misunderstandings between Egypt and Israel during the meeting, the first between himself and President Hosni Mubarak in four months. The two countries have wrangled this year over nuclear proliferation, Jerusalem, and the pace of peace talks.

"I believe we turned a new page in the Egyptian-Israeli relationship, one that is promising as we build for the future," said Christopher, at a joint news conference with Rabin and Mubarak. "We've taken another step to transform the region towards peace and make peace in the region irreversible."

"Now Egypt can play a full role in encouraging both the Palestinians and Syria to make progress with Israel," added a senior US State Department official.

Rabin said: "The visit... was meant to remove all sorts of misunderstandings or what seemed like misunderstandings." He blamed the misunderstandings on what he called "inaccurate reports on what is happening in the negotiating process between us and the Palestinians and apparently a lack of clarity about what was happening or could happen between us and the Syrians."

Mubarak tried to minimize the gravity of their differences. "With any two countries, sometimes there are some clouds that affect relations. Sometimes there are misunderstandings, but these are sorted out through meetings," he said.

But Mubarak gave no date for his first visit to Israel and Rabin told reporters he had not asked him to.

Asked about this at the news conference, Mubarak said: "I have no problem to go to Israel... But why you make a big fuss about this, every now and then?"

US and Israeli officials both said good relations between Israel and Egypt improve the chances of a Middle East peace embracing all Israel's neighbors.

"Today Egypt and Israel stand as the bastions of peace, the regional pillars of peace," said Christopher. "When the two countries come together in a partnership, they can achieve an enormous amount of progress in the pursuit of peace."

The summit broke no new ground on Syria and the Palestinians, but the three leaders sustained the mood of optimism generated by unusually successful talks between Israel and the Palestinians last week and by preparations for a meeting of Israeli and Syrian military officials later this month.

Mubarak, speaking of his meeting with Syrian President Hafez Assad last week, said: "[He] looked much more relaxed, much more willing to go through the process... because of some feeling that there was a good response from the Israeli side."

## Rabin: Arab states owe PA millions in aid

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday criticized Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia, for not transferring millions of dollars of aid pledged to the Palestinian Authority.

Speaking to reporters on return from a summit in Cairo, Rabin warned of serious consequences if donor states did not honor commitments made to the financially-strapped PA.

He said donors had agreed to provide \$445 million for its budget from April to the end of the year, but that tens of millions of dollars in

pledges had not been fulfilled. Arab states were responsible for about half the PA's deficit, Rabin said.

"It turns out there is a deficit of \$136 million, of which \$65 million are donations from the Arab states headed by Saudi Arabia, which was supposed to contribute — I don't remember — \$25 or \$30 million... this has a very serious meaning," he said.

Donor states pledged \$2.4 billion over five years to help build the Palestinian economy. (Reuters)

## Islamic Movement rally calls for Palestinian capital in Jerusalem

SOME 10,000 members of the Islamic Movement attended a "Jerusalem First" rally in Kafr Kassem on Friday to demand that eastern Jerusalem be made the capital of a Palestinian state.

The streets of the village were festively decorated and the participants, from the Triangle and Wadi Ara area, were all dressed in holiday clothes and sang songs of Jerusalem.

"The Israeli government and the Likud have agreed on a fact, agreeing that there are two people here who share one home-

land, and each people must be given its own independent state," said Abdullah Nimr Darwish, the head of the Islamic Movement.

"This is why we say that Jerusalem's status cannot be harmed. Jerusalem first must be, as far as the Palestinian nation is concerned, the capital of the Palestinian state that will emerge," he said.

The assembly was organized by Ibrahim Sarsur, the Kafr Kassem Local Council head. The guest of honor was Faisal Hussein, who deals with Jerusalem affairs for the Palestinian Authority.

Following a television report on the rally, Likud MKS Uzi Landau and Limor Livnat said they would submit a motion to the Knesset agenda demanding the Islamic Movement be made illegal.

They said the government is ignoring what they called the "undermining of the state" out of electoral considerations. (Itim)

## Poll: 65% of Palestinians support peace process

Jerusalem Post Staff

SIXTY-FIVE percent of Palestinians support the peace process, 55% support Yasser Arafat, and 49% support Fatah according to the latest findings of the Nablus-based Center for Palestine Research and Studies.

The results were from a monthly poll among 1,271 Palestinians taken May 18-20, when government plans to expropriate Arab-owned land in Jerusalem impacted on the peace process.

The poll showed only 50% thought "A person can criticize the PA without fear," and in Gaza where the PA rules, the figure was 42%.

In Gaza, more people listen to Israel Radio (28%) than the Voice of Palestine (27%). Only 30% think that general political elections for the self-governing council will be fair or somewhat fair.

Support for Hamas and Islamic Jihad averaged 15%, with support highest in Hebron (22%) and higher in Nablus and Tul-karm (16%) than in most of Gaza. Support for imprisoned Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin as head of the Palestinian Authority dropped to 12% from 20% in November, while support for Arafat has increased in that period from 44% to 55%.

## Four drown over weekend

FOUR people drowned over the weekend in separate incidents.

Yesterday foreign worker Sergei Grashenko, 37, drowned off a beach in Ashdod where there are no lifeguards when he went swimming with friends. He had worked at a local building site since arriving several months ago.

Friday morning a 62-year-old man from Netanya drowned off the city's Sironit Beach, where an 83-year-old man from Kfar Sava drowned later in the day. Both victims were new immigrants, and police said there had been several such incidents involving newcomers, who they said could not read signs warning them against bathing where there are no lifeguards, and who were unfamiliar with the rocky beach. Late Thursday night, 20-year-old Tomer Grady of Tel Aviv drowned after being swept away by a wave while taking a swim with his girlfriend and brother, at Tel Aviv's Jerusalem Beach. (Itim)

## Bank robbers strike again in Tel Aviv

RAINE MARCUS

IN the 14th bank robbery in the Tel Aviv area this year, an armed robber stole NIS 25,000 from the Arlosoroff St. branch of Bank Leumi on Friday.

The robber fled on foot, police and eyewitnesses said.

A police source said they are "fed up" with what they described as the "lax attitude" of banks which refuse to install suitable security systems to prevent robberies.

No one was injured in any of the robberies. Police said that robbers have become confident that tellers and customers will not

put up a fight.

In another incident, an 87-year-old black market money changer was robbed at gunpoint on Friday evening by two men, who snatched \$10,000 and NIS 7,500 in cash.

Later that night a video arcade on Dizengoff St. was the scene of another armed robbery. Two masked men held up the owners at gunpoint and demanded the evening's take, which came to around NIS 10,000. Not content with their heist, the pair also robbed three customers, making off with another NIS 3,000.

## Hungary to restore property stolen by Nazis

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Hungary pledged on Friday to restore millions of dollars of Jewish and Christian religious property seized by Hungarian Nazi collaborators and later nationalized by the Communists, World Jewish Congress leaders said.

The pledge was made by visiting Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn during a meeting with WJC Secretary General Israel Singer and it constituted a major breakthrough on a thorny issue involving all of former Communist Europe, the WJC said.

It said Horn would order gov-

ernment working committees to start separate talks next month with Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist church leaders on the future of about 5,000 pieces of property.

It said he pledged that an agreement would be reached by September 30 and that all religious property would be restored to its rightful owners within a decade.

Any property that cannot be returned will be paid for over a period of 20 years, Horn reportedly told the WJC. Seized property once owned by individuals will be handled through Hungary's privatization laws.

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Meanwhile, the Likud Knesset faction yesterday demanded from Rabin that he appear tomorrow before the Knesset and enumerate all the agreements that have been arrived at with Syria with regard to a total withdrawal from the Golan.

Faction chairman MK Moshe

Katsav added that his party is also demanding that Rabin coordinate a joint proposal for a public referendum, that would take place before any promises or concessions were made to Syria.

In a statement issued by the party, the Likud accused Rabin of trying to achieve an agreement with Syria at all costs before the next elections.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Tel Sheva case moves to military court**  
A Beersheba District Court judge agreed Friday to turn over the case against three Tel Sheva Beduin, suspected of involvement in loading a truck with Hamas explosives, to a military court.

State Attorney Dorit Beinisch argued that, according to the 1945 Mandatory emergency regulations, those suspected of security violations may be tried in a military court. The attorney for the main suspect, Imad Abu Rkayak, did not object to the transfer. The other two suspects have confessed and have been released on bail. (Itim)

**Rare vulture spotted in Negev**  
A lappet-faced vulture was spotted at Kibbutz Ketura in the Negev on Friday for the first time in four years.

Kibbutz members saw the bird perched in a date tree and said it looked underweight and exhausted. They alerted the Nature Reserves Authority, whose wardens brought the bird to the Hai Bar at Yotvata to gain its strength back. (Itim)

**Hundreds attend feminist conference**

More than 500 women, accompanied by about 50 of their children, attended Israel's 11th Feminist Conference, which ended yesterday. The three-day conference at Ramat Efiel had as its theme "The Personal Is Political." (Sasha Sadan)

## SHAHAK

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of a Republican-controlled Congress, which may not be overly enthusiastic about supporting any financial or political assistance to Syria, especially if that serves Clinton's foreign policy in an election year.

Meanwhile, Shahak is expected this week to decide who will

lead the talks with the Syrians once his talks are completed. The two names mentioned are the prime minister's military secretary, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, and OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan. Another possibility is the newly-appointed OC Intelligence Brig.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who takes office in August.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL


A business luncheon in honor of Dr. Tamas Suchman, the Hungarian Minister of Privatization, hosted by Josef Weiss, Honorary Consul of Hungary in Jerusalem, will be held today at the Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem.

## CORRECTION

The name of the Russian-language newspaper mentioned in Friday's Magazine article on Natan Sharansky is *Vesny*, and not as printed. The *Jerusalem Post* regrets the error.

## WINNING CARDS

In Friday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, queen of hearts, king of diamonds, and 10 of clubs.




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## 'Scared little bunny' tells story

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy (AP) — He hunted ants, squeezed precious drops of moisture from his socks and hid like a "scared little bunny" in the bushes as Bosnia Serb soldiers fired their rifles just a couple of meters away.

US Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady said he was no "Rambo" and no hero, the pilot whose F-16C was hit by a missile June 2 during a NATO mission over Bosnia attributed much of his survival for six days to divine intervention.

Also credited was common sense and his training at Air Force survival school in Spokane, Wash., the hometown for the 29-year-old pilot.

His worst problem was thirst. He wrung out his socks to try to drink a few drops.

"It was hard to eat... because my mouth was so dry," he prayed for rain to drink and God answered his prayer, the pilot said. He ate grass after he saw crows grazing and figured he could too.

"The worst point was the first day. I was on the ground, everyone was walking around me. They were shooting their rifles. To me, they weren't just shooting bunny rabbits.

"I never even saw a squirrel out there. I thought maybe they saw something they thought was me and it wasn't. They were trying to kill me."

Military officials began the news conference by playing the tape of O'Grady's radio conversation with Capt. Thomas Hanford, the first US fighter pilot he contacted after being shot down last week.

As he heard himself say "I'm Alive!" O'Grady broke into tears, asked for some tissues and asked that questions be put off for a few minutes so he

could regain composure.

O'Grady said that as soon as his F-16 fighter jet was struck by a Serb missile, he knew what had happened.

"The only thing I saw was the cockpit disintegrating," he said. Then, "this beautiful gold handle" — the ejection handle.

He was amazed at not being immediately captured because as he floated down in his parachute he was over a main highway.

"I was in that parachute for an extremely long period of time," he said. "Everybody from the ground could see me."

Once he on the ground in a grassy area, he dashed into a clump of bushes.

"I got into the heart of it, lay down. I was hoping they wouldn't see the metal clips of the harness."

O'Grady said he would move around only at night, ranging at most 3 km from where he landed.

His worst day was the first, when he heard many people moving close to him. Asked how far away, he indicated a distance to the end of the dais where he was seated, about two meters.

"Every single day... they (Serbs) walked by me," he said.

Two cows he named Leroy and Alfred were especially fond of grazing near by. He feared "Timberbell," the name O'Grady gave to their bell-ringing herder, would find him.

He made radio contact, in the early hours of his sixth day in the woods and the elite Marines team sped from the USS Kearsarge in the Adriatic to home in on him.

Base officials said O'Grady would fly out of Aviano today at 8:30 a.m. for Washington, D.C., where he may meet President Bill Clinton.



US Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady cries during a press conference yesterday at the Aviano Air Base in Italy.

(AP)

## EU launches Bosnia peace bid

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — Europe's new mediator in former Yugoslavia launched into his job to forge a fresh peace initiative in Bosnia yesterday but France and Britain said talks can only begin once Bosnian Serbs free all UN hostages.

Former Swedish premier Carl Bildt, appointed by European Union leaders on Friday, was due to meet Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev last night.

Kozyrev told Itar-Tass news agency that they would discuss details of talks between the "Big Power" Contact Group and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and the search for ways to stop fighting in Bosnia.

French President Jacques Chirac said he hoped Bildt would be empowered to represent the Contact Group, binding the United States and Russia to the EU, but acknowledged Washington and Moscow had yet to agree.

"I can only be successful by working in very close coordination not only with the EU, but also with the Russians and Americans," Bildt said in Stockholm.

EU leaders attempted a fresh impetus to end Bosnia's 38-month war, while demonstrating resolve by creating a rapid reaction force to protect UN peacekeepers on the ground after recent Serb defiance.

Britain and France insisted, however, that no peace moves could be made until Bosnia's separatist Serbs freed the 145 UN soldiers they still hold hostage. They freed 232 hostages over the past week after Milosevic's intervention.

In the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale, "foreign minister" Alexa Buha said yesterday that the Serb leadership would release the soldiers "in coming days."

Meanwhile, three British soldiers were wounded by a mine southwest of Gornji Vakuf yesterday, UN officials said.

One Canadian was wounded by sniper fire on Friday near Visoko, northwest of Sarajevo, and another Canadian was hurt when an ambulance trying to rescue the victim struck a mine. A Spaniard also received minor shrapnel wounds in the west, the UN said.

Serbs have paralyzed the UN mission in Bosnia by flouting Security Council resolutions — closing Sarajevo airport, blocking civilian aid and UN resupply convoys and attacking UN "safe areas" with banned heavy weapons.

But tough action by the United Nations or NATO appeared to be on hold while diplomatic initiatives got under way.

The UN commander in Bosnia, Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, has been ordered to re-

store his peacekeeping mission to its condition just before NATO air strikes two weeks ago.

"The aim is to return to the status quo ante (before NATO air strikes in May) in order to provide a platform for the political process and diplomatic activity in trying to find a solution to this conflict," UN spokesman in Sarajevo Alexander Ivanko told reporters.

"In doing so we will strictly abide by peacekeeping principles until further notice," he added.

The announcement followed Friday's meeting in Split between Smith, UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi and Lieutenant-General Bernard Janvier, commander of peacekeeping forces, to set a short-term course of action in Bosnia while the Security Council debates the mission's future.

On Friday UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali had recommended increasing UN troop strength in the former Yugoslavia by 12,500 to nearly 57,400.

## Taiwan head wraps up controversial US trip

ITHACA (Reuters) — Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui wrapped up a groundbreaking visit to the United States yesterday facing new charges from China that his trip has endangered both Sino-US relations and Taiwan itself.

Lee, the first Taiwan president ever to visit the United States, was scheduled to hold a final day of "unofficial" activities at his Ivy League alma mater, Cornell University, before departing for home late last night.

Taiwan officials travelling with Lee were unanimous in calling the four-day visit a rousing success.

"It has gone very, very well," said one official of Taipei's Government Information Office, surveying the busy media center established to cover Lee's keynote address at class reunion celebrations on Friday.

While US, Taiwan and Cornell officials all have fought to portray Lee's trip as simply a private visit by a university alumnus, the Taiwan information officials, the crowds of Taiwanese and US reporters and the fleet of gigantic satellite trucks beaming television pictures back to Asia have underscored its political significance.

Under heavy pressure from Congress, President Bill Clinton's administration granted Lee a visa last month — overturning a de facto ban on high-level Taiwanese visitors that has held since Washington switched diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 1978.

China, which has regarded Taiwan as a renegade province with no international standing since communist victory on the mainland drove the Nationalist government into exile there in 1949, has reacted with outrage over the trip.

## Boss of world's biggest drug gang nabbed

BOGOTÁ (AP) — In a humiliating end to years on the run, police caught the billionaire boss of the world's biggest drug gang crouching in a closet hidden behind a television set.

"Police said an informant's tip led them Friday to Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, who with his brother heads the Cali cartel, supplier of 80 percent of the world's cocaine."

Tracked to a rich neighborhood of the southern city of Cali, Rodriguez Orejuela surrendered peacefully when his hiding place was uncovered, handing over money, documents and three handguns, police said.

Colombian officials, under intense US pressure for results in their drug war, were jubilant.

"This is the beginning of the end of the Cali cartel," President Ernesto Samper said on national television. "We're not going to stop until this problem is wiped out. The entire world can be sure we're going to continue in this struggle."

The United States, citing widespread corruption in the Colombian government and security forces, has repeatedly accused Colombia of being lax in the fight against drugs.

"You've won and you've done good work," Rodriguez Ore-

juela, 56, told arresting officers, a police colonel the scene told RCN radio. He requested anonymity for security reasons.

Several leaders of drug gangs remain at large, and it was not immediately clear how Rodriguez Orejuela's arrest would affect cartel business.

In Washington, President Clinton congratulated Colombia.

"This arrest should send a signal to other narco-traffickers that their insidious crimes will not be allowed to destroy the fabric of our people," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

Rodriguez Orejuela faces up to 24 years in prison on drug charges alone if convicted, and also is charged with illegal enrichment, the Justice Ministry said. He is to make a statement to prosecutors tomorrow.

There are indictments against both Rodriguez Orejuela and his brother, Miguel, in several cities in the United States. A Miami court indicted them this week. Colombia, however, forbids the extradition of its citizens.

Television footage showed heavily armed police hustling a bearded Rodriguez Orejuela in handcuffs out of a helicopter in Bogota. Authorities said an informant's tip led them to his hideout.

## Labor leader Blair warns Major of difficult summer

LONDON (Reuters) — British opposition leader Tony Blair, buoyed by a record opinion poll, promised to turn the screws on Prime Minister John Major this summer by relentlessly pushing Labor's message for the future.

Blair, lifted by figures showing him to be the most popular leader of any opposition party since polls began, said his party was not going to let up for a moment in its bid to end 16 years of Conservative rule.

"The Labor Party is doing extremely well but we must not be complacent in any shape or form," Blair told a news conference after a strategy meeting of his "shadow" Labor cabinet.

In particular, because the Conservatives continue making a series of negative attacks, we have got to set out for the country how to put Britain back on its feet, how we can make our economy more dynamic and our society more fair," he said.

Major's harassed cabinet decided to launch an all-out offen-

sive against Blair and his revitalized Labor party, effectively signaling the start of a two-year run up to the next election.

In a morale-boosting speech to Conservatives in Wales, a defiant Major vowed to claw back Labor's lead. "At the next election I intend to defeat Labor and their fellow travellers just as decisively as we have done in every election since 1979," Major said.

Major must call an election by May 1997 and commentators interpreted his decision to come out fighting as a further sign he intends to hang on until the last moment.

With his administration struggling to douse yet another row — this time about its handling of the privatization of Britain's two power generating companies — Major faces an uphill battle if he is to cling on to power.

The latest poll, by the Gallup organization and published by the *Daily Telegraph*, put Labor at 59.5 percent with the Conservatives a huge 39.5 points behind.

## Calm in Zaire after Rwandan fighting

KINSHASA (Reuters) — Zaire said yesterday that calm had returned to its troubled eastern region of North Kivu after paramilitary troops intervened to stop clashes between local people and Rwandan immigrants.

At least 85 people died in the fighting in which the government says the immigrants were backed by armed Rwandan refugees who fled violence in their homeland. "From the report I received this morning from the chief of general staff there should be no more trouble there," Interior Minister Malumba Mbangula told Reuters.

The clashes took place at Masisi and Walikale villages, 60 km and 140 km west of the Zaire town of Goma respectively. More than one million Rwandan refugees live in cramped and squalid refugee camps around Goma.

Malumba said 85 people, all local Zaireans, had been killed in the fighting which raged over two days at the end of last week. He could not say how many immigrants or refugees died.

Malumba said a paramilitary gendarmerie company — around 120 men — had been sent to the area. "The first contingent of the security forces left on Monday, and the second on Friday."

"Even Zaireans can get angry and they started to defend themselves. They (troops) must separate the two sides and stop them from continuing the massacres," he said. "As soon as it's certain that order has been re-

stored they can leave."

Even before Rwanda's civil war sent a tide of refugees flooding in, North Kivu was a province where ethnic strife simmered, and periodically boiled over into bloody clashes.

The ethnic fault line lies between so-called true Zaireans, mostly of the Bahunde tribe, and the Banyarwanda, or ethnic Rwandans perceived as foreigners of immigrants.

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## India's PM adds 3 new ministers

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao added three political loyalists to his government yesterday in an effort to consolidate his grip on power ahead of general elections due within 10 months.

The scope of the reshuffle fell well short of expectations earlier this week and Rao wasted no time hinting that more changes would come following a four-day visit to France starting today.

"There is something more coming up," Rao told reporters after the three ministers were inducted into his government.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma swore in K. Karunakaran, A.R. Antulay and Jagannath Mishra into Rao's cabinet in a brief ceremony in the ornate presidential palace. The government was to announce their portfolios later in the day.

All three are stalwarts in Rao's Congress party, which split following poor results in state elections in late 1994 and early this year. The breakaway faction accuses Rao of ignoring the poor and minorities and failing to clean up corruption.

Karunakaran, chief minister of Kerala state until he was forced out three months ago, played a key role in solidifying Rao's southern base after the last general elections in 1991.

Antulay, a Moslem from the western state of Maharashtra, and Mishra, an upper caste Brahmin from the eastern state of Bihar, lend regional and communal balance to Rao's cabinet. Both have served as chief ministers in their respective states.

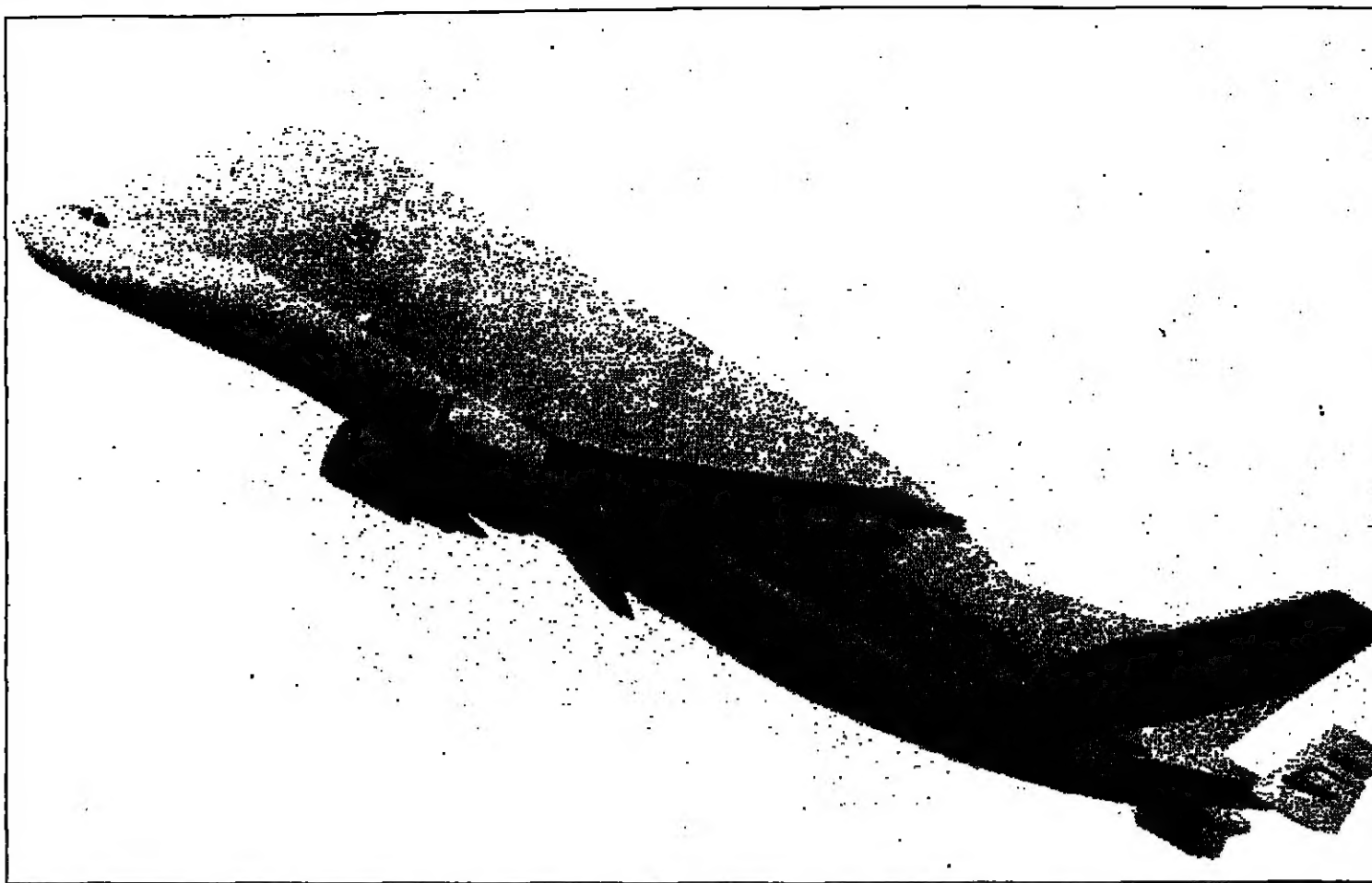
Rao, whose fourth anniversary in power falls on June 21, has been under pressure to consolidate his political base by awarding long-time loyalists from key regions with cabinet posts before general elections due by early 1996.

Earlier in the week, political analysts had expected Rao to name as many as 12 new ministers or junior ministers before leaving for Paris today. The number fell to five on Friday.

The limited scope of the latest exercise raised the likelihood of a larger reshuffle and organizational changes in Congress in coming weeks as Rao begins gearing up to fight both dissidents and the opposition before legislative elections.

The long-awaited changes, signaled by Rao when he announced the last cabinet reshuffle in February, were part of a broader strategy to muzzle dissent in Congress.

His refusal to share power at the top of the party helped provoke in May a formal split in Congress, which has ruled India for all but three years since it won independence in 1947.



Airbus Industries' Super Transporter, the 'Beluga,' is seen in flight at the 41st Paris Air Show yesterday. (Reuters)

## US, N. Korea reach tentative understanding on accord

SEOUL (Reuters) - Top US officials confirmed yesterday that the United States and North Korea had reached tentative understandings to implement a landmark nuclear accord in their latest round of talks in Malaysia.

"We understand that, today in Kuala Lumpur, tentative understandings were reached between the two sides," Ambassador-at-Large Robert Gallucci told a news conference in Seoul.

Gallucci and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Winston Lord, in Seoul to get South Korea's backing for an agreement, declined to give details of those understandings.

They said delegates had yet to agree on wording. "We are not yet finished in Kuala Lumpur," said Lord, who sat alongside Gallucci at the news conference.

Thomas Hubbard, a deputy assistant secretary of state, and his North Korean counterpart, Vice-Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan, have been meeting in the Malaysian capital

nearly every day since May 20.

North Korean officials in Kuala Lumpur also said Hubbard and Kim reached a tentative understanding "on issues on the table."

The sticking point in the talks had been the North's refusal to allow Seoul to play a major role in supplying new light-water reactors to replace Pyongyang's graphite-moderated models.

"I agree that certainly a key barometer and a reflection of their (North Korea's) approach to the overall agreement is what they do with light-water reactors," Lord said.

"So clearly they will need to accept South Korean reactors and a South Korean central role. That is a fundamental principle. That was understood last October. That will have to be reflected in the implementation," he added.

The overall nuclear deal was negotiated by Gallucci with North Korea in Geneva last October. The light-water reactors produce far less plutonium, an essential ingredient of nuclear weapons, than the

graphite-moderated models.

A South Korean foreign ministry spokesman said North Korea had indicated its readiness to accept the South Korean-type reactors and recognize Seoul's central role in reshaping Pyongyang's nuclear industry.

After Gallucci and Lord held talks with South Korean Foreign Minister Gong Myung, the spokesman said the two allies agreed that "It is vitally important that the latest positive North Korean response be made into a concrete, written agreement if any possible ambiguities are to be avoided."

Diplomats said North Korea had pressed for extra economic and technical help in exchange for accepting South Korean reactors. News reports say the North wants \$1 billion extra.

But Yim Sung-joon, director of the American Affairs Bureau of the South Korean Foreign Ministry, said: "Both sides agreed not to accept North Korea's request for additional aids which go beyond the scope commonly accepted in any reactor project."

## Lockheed, Russian firm join up against Ariane

PARIS (AP) - Lockheed Martin Corp. and Russia's satellite launch company said yesterday they would jointly offer their commercial satellite launch services in order to regain leadership from Europe's Ariane space.

Lockheed and Khruichev Enterprise will jointly market their respective Atlas and Proton rockets, and offer each other's back-up services from a second rocket if the first suddenly proves unavailable.

The venture was announced at the Paris Air Show which opens today to the public. It came within hours of the 74th launch of the Ariane rocket, which placed an American satellite into orbit. Ariane, based in Toulouse, is the commercial arm of the European Space Agency rocket.

Arianespace currently accounts for up to 65 percent of commercial satellite launches using the Ariane rocket. Lockheed Martin's Atlas accounts for about 25 percent of the market.

"We hope to account for 50 percent of the market by the year 2000," Vance Coffman, Lockheed Martin president for space and strategic missiles.

Proton will begin commercial services from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan next March. However, Khruichev President Anatoli Kiselev said sites nearer the equator would permit up to 12 Proton launches a year - compared with about four or five from the Baikonur site.

Proton, operational since 1965, launches satellites for Russia's defense department and space agency.

The joint venture is an outcome of the merger earlier this year between Lockheed and Martin Marietta, which produced Atlas rockets. Lockheed three years ago had formed a joint venture, LKE, with Khruichev and another Russian company, NPO Energia, for the worldwide sales and management of Proton launch services.

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## Gingrich on campaign-style trip to New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, NH (Reuters) - US House Speaker Newt Gingrich launches a campaign-style visit to the key election state of New Hampshire on Friday that has made him the focus of media attention and political speculation.

The powerful Republican leader, who has played a cat-and-mouse game on whether he will enter the 1996 presidential race, played down his aspirations in an interview published on Friday by the Manchester Union Leader.

"I think it is very unlikely, honestly," Gingrich told the newspaper when asked if he'd enter the state's first-in-the-nation primary.

The four-day trip has ballooned into a media extravaganza, with up to 200 reporters planning to trail Gingrich as he crisscrosses New Hampshire to attend fund-raisers and meet activists. He is clearly enjoying the attention and joked about his motives in a satellite address on Thursday to New England and eastern Canadian political leaders.

"I don't know when the Republican primaries are, although I understand they will occur," he said in mock ignorance when Massachusetts Governor William Weld tried to prod him into disclosing his plans.

New Hampshire is scheduled to hold the first primary of the 1996 presidential race on February 20.

Gingrich arrives in New Hampshire one day after a local poll found that most Republicans

in the state like his work in Congress but do not want him to run for the White House.

Governor Steve Merrill, a Republican, said despite the poll New Hampshire voters were eagerly awaiting Gingrich's visit. "I think it will be interesting to hear what he says because what he says will determine what every other candidate says here for the next few months," Merrill told Reuters.

There are already eight announced Republican presidential candidates and the field is expected to grow whether or not Gingrich enters the race. Most political analysts said they doubt Gingrich has made up his mind about running.

Polls show Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole with a commanding lead in the state with Texas Senator Phil Gramm and conservative columnist Pat Buchanan fighting for second place.

"I don't think he's testing the (political waters) so much as keeping his options open," Charles Arlinghaus, director of the New Hampshire Republican Party, said of Gingrich.

New Hampshire is a small state but Gingrich's schedule has him dashing about at such a frantic pace that helicopters will be required to keep him on time. He will also make a brief foray into Maine yesterday.

President Bill Clinton will also be in New Hampshire today for a graduation address at Dartmouth College, but his visit has been overshadowed by Gingrich's tour.

## Asian youths rampage in English city

BRADFORD (Reuters) - A crowd of about 60 Asian youths went on the rampage, burning cars, attacking police and smashing windows in the northern English city of Bradford, police said on Saturday.

Three police officers were injured and 10 people arrested in the night of violence sparked by the arrest of two members of an Asian gang.

Other youths responded by hurling missiles at a police car and other passing motorists and then gathered outside a local police station.

Asian community leaders were called in as spasmodic outbreaks of violence continued throughout Friday night until some 100 police agreed to withdraw from the district.

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Libi Chairman Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt thanked the family of the late Esterina Grun Z1, whose donation made possible the project which will be named for her and her late husband. Matt also praised the family's idealism and vision in investing in education which he called an investment in the future of the younger generation.

Brig. Gen. Shalom Ben Moshe, IDF Chief Education Officer, said that teaching new immigrant soldiers Hebrew is one of the main aims of the Education Corps and he expressed his gratitude to the Grun family and to Libi.

In the picture (center): Mr. Yisrael Grun, representing the donors; Brig. Gen. Shalom Ben Moshe and Gen. (Res.) Danny Matt, holding a blueprint of the building; Col. Masim Ezra, IDF construction coordinator and Lt. Col. Devora Rimon of Libi. (Photo by Dror Cerni)

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# Today's ABCs: A better computer chain

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**F**UTURISTS claim that, by the year 2010, computer skills will be a prerequisite for nearly every job in the country.

If that's true, an international chain of franchised computer-learning centers for children - and adults - has arrived here just in time to prepare the younger generation and their computer-illiterate parents for this new era.

It doesn't take much expertise or knowledge to insert a diskette or even a CD-ROM into a computer and shoot down armed attackers or learn the ABCs.

But the chain, Futurekids, aims at teaching advanced subjects, such as computer-generated graphics, animation, word processing, database management, music composition, desktop publishing, robotics engineering, environmental simulations and programming to children aged three to 16 as well as grownups.

Five to 10 such centers will open in shopping malls, community centers and other facilities throughout the country during the coming year. Futurekids is the world's largest and fastest-growing chain of such centers, which have taught hundreds of thousands of youngsters at 1,500 centers in 35 countries over the past 12 years; 28 other countries will soon be added to the list (including Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda).

England is one of the major countries missing from the list. The company regards this as its biggest market outside the US, but until it finds the right person to head it, "Futurekids won't open there."

The corporation was established in Los Angeles by Peter Markovitz, a former South African who studied filmmaking in the US. Markovitz, who visited Israel for two days recently, announced that Futurekids' exclusive representative here will be Philip Bendheim, the 42-year-old managing director of InterFranchise (Israel) Ltd.

Markovitz, a 35-year-old newly observant Jew with four children aged two to 10, was happy to make a special visit to launch the project.

He says he is particularly pleased that his chain is spreading to this country,

which "can become a superpower by mastering technology and use this influence for the good of all mankind." He was unable to visit Bahrain a while ago after franchises were launched there. His agent, a "deposed sheikh" named Mohammed, invited Markovitz to the Persian Gulf country, suggesting that "we won't tell anyone that you're Jewish." But the boss politely declined, saying he "wouldn't travel to any country that bars Jews."

MARKOVITZ REGRETS that he can't invent a dramatic scene in which the idea for the centers suddenly came to him. "The truth is that my wife was teaching at the University of California at Los Angeles in the academic research faculty. She was frustrated by her work, so I thought of helping her by establishing a center for learning-disabled children off campus," he says. He thought of using computers, even though, in 1983, they were still in their infancy.

Markovitz started on Commodore 64 and Apple IIe machines, whose memory was less than the most simple portable organizers today. "No one then had any background in educational technology, but slowly we built the program up." Gradually, better hardware and new software became available, and the Markovitzes opened a second branch in Dallas in 1985. They also brought their equipment into 100 schools in San Diego and San Francisco, in addition to Los Angeles.

"Although there are some other companies that train children in computers, we are the largest and have our own philosophy based on Jewish tradition. Just as three-year-olds in *heder* are taught to love the *alef-bet* by licking honey from a slate with the letters, we believe children should enjoy learning. We also teach in pairs, like the *hevruta* of Talmud students. One at a time is antisocial, and three or more is a crowd. The interaction of two children, with the guided direction of a teacher, is very effective," Markovitz says.

Despite this Jewish foundation, there is absolutely nothing Jewish or religious about Futurekids. Youngsters of all backgrounds study strictly secular ma-



An international chain of franchised computer-learning centers has crossed the cybersea to this country.

terial. However, in certain places, such as Toronto, a local franchise located in a haredi area offers separate classes for

boys and girls. The franchisees are chosen by a highly selective method. They must not only

have the financial means to buy rights from Futurekids and purchase the latest equipment, from CD-ROM drives to

modems and color printers; they must also train in computer education and locate one to eight other staffers who will help run it and teach.

The children get "passports" that accompany them through their "travels" on the learning trail. As they progress, they get stick-in "visas" to record their achievements and special bonus stamps called "bytes" that can be exchanged for gifts. A strict rule is that no food or beverages, which could ruin the keyboards and disk drives, may be brought into the computer room. Markovitz reports that none of his centers has ever been harmed by vandalism.

Futurekids' Los Angeles headquarters, with some three dozen staffers, develops curricula but doesn't write programs. Each country connected to the organization purchases software in the local language, but some lessons inevitably include English words and concepts like "escape" and "enter."

Although schools in many countries have invested a lot of money in teaching the use of computers, few achieve a sophisticated level of mastery, Markovitz says. In any case, there is no risk of overexposure. "Kids may learn to play a musical instrument in school, but they still want to take private lessons in the afternoons," he says.

Futurekids lessons will cost between NIS 50 and NIS 60 an hour in local centers, according to Bendheim, who comes from a prominent philanthropic family and moved to Jerusalem last August. He has begun to carefully select franchise entrepreneurs, who must put up between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in capital but who can expect "a full return on their investment in two years." Each will get his or her own "territory." After the initial five to 10 franchises, he believes Futurekids centers will gradually open around the country.

Bendheim, a father of seven who previously owned a large chemical-distribution business, says the opportunity will be especially attractive to former immigrants from Western countries. Since Israel is "so family oriented," he expects that parents will take their children to Futurekids and attend separate Futurekids-for-Grownups classes on computers (to learn spreadsheets, database management, advanced word processing and how to get onto the information superhighway).

## New software allows instant telephone hookup

NEW WORLDS  
POST SCIENCE REPORTER

**I**T used to take at least a day to have a Bezek technician disconnect or reconnect telephone lines linked to analog exchanges. Though only digital phones are installed these days, hundreds of thousands of people are still linked to analog exchanges. Now, software developed by Bezek allows this procedure to be carried out instantly at the press of a few buttons on a computer keyboard.

Suppose you're moving and are leaving the phone for the next tenant. You want the line disconnected immediately, so you won't be charged for your successor's phone calls. Or perhaps your line was disconnected because you failed to pay your bill; ordinarily, it would take time for a technician to visit and hook you up again after you've made good on your debt. But the new software allows these tasks to be carried out immediately and by remote control - without the need for a housecall by a technician.

The new service is the first stage in a national project that will link all Bezek's telephone exchanges to a central computer. New buildings are now being constructed with ready-made phone infrastructure. Phone lines to each apartment will soon be supplied with a "soft dial-tone" connected to Bezek's business office. Whenever the new resident is ready, he can use that line to call 199 for immediate installation of his regular phone line, which will be hooked up without any need for a technician in the field. Bezek says this service will be available before the end of this year.

Meanwhile, the Haifa Technion and Bezek are establishing an academic program for Be-

zek workers with a bachelor's degree in engineering to study for a master's in telecommunications. Those accepted to the program will study in Bezek facilities; some of the lectures will be delivered by videoconference by experts located in the Technion, while in others, teachers will be present on site. Classes begin in September.

**GENOME LINKS WITH POLAND**  
Genetic and biotechnological research in eastern European countries is expected to be advanced by a UNESCO workshop organized in Warsaw recently by the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Polish Academy of Sciences.

The two organizations have been collaborating for the past two years in the field of bioinformatics - the computer-based discipline that allows biology researchers to conveniently search, access and graphically manipulate known genetic and protein structures. Now, the combined knowhow of these institutions will be made available to researchers from Lithuania, Latvia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Russia, Bulgaria and Belarus. This, Weizmann scientists said, should help former Soviet scientists to contribute more actively to the Human Genome Project, the 15-year, \$3 billion international effort aimed at deciphering all the genes in human cells.

The Rehovot institute has for six years been

managing this country's computerized biological database resource center. This specialized computer network provides the country's biological researchers with on-line access to daily updated international biology databases and enables them to interact with genome investigators abroad. The institute is the chartered operator of the Israeli National Node of the European Molecular Biology Network (EMBNET).

The Institute of Biochemistry and Biophysics in Warsaw, headed by Prof. Wlodzimierz Zagorski, has been operating its national EMBNET node for less than a year, in cooperation with Israel. Israeli-Polish collaboration, which involves hands-on workshops, courses and exchange visits between the two centers, is supported by a UNESCO grant divided equally between the Israeli and Polish institutes.

**PENTIUM CHECKMATED**  
A computer equipped with Intel's Pentium chip was surpassed by world chess champion Garry Kasparov, nine months after he lost to the same machine. The event, which was heavily promoted by Intel, was held in the Cologne studios of Westdeutsche Rundfunk, the regional radio and television network. Intel says its processor can analyze more than 100,000 positions per second.

AP reports that Kasparov was under pressure in the first game but came back after the computer, playing black, sacrificed a solid position to gain a three-pawn advantage. The second game was a draw, giving Kasparov the match victory.

## Au naturel: Animal fun in the sun

TELL ME WHY  
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

**W**HY don't animals - even hairless ones - get sunburned? Razi, Tel Aviv. Prof. Amir Shkolnik of Tel Aviv University's department of zoology replies:

Your statement is untrue; some animals do get sunburned, and some even get skin cancer.

Most mammals have fur or hair that protects them from the sun's rays. Donkeys, for example, also have large amounts of melanin in their skin. Reptiles have scales that offer a great deal of protection; the snake has large amounts of melanin in deep layers of its body, below and inside the dermis (the interior layer of the skin) that protects it even in the hot sun.

This pigment, which is permanently present in the skin of many animals, reduces the absorption of ultraviolet rays from the sun by the skin. It works the same way in black people; in whites, melanin production occurs after exposure to the sun (creating a tan), but does not remain permanently in the skin.

Most varieties of mice are rarely out during the day, so they don't need protection from the sun. However, the types that are active during the day - the golden spiny mouse and the sand rat - have black skin in the parts where they are hairless; the black pigment is the melanin.

When animals indigenous to an area with little sun are moved to a place with a hot climate, they can have trouble. The Hereford cow, for example, was imported from England to this country. It has

little pigmentation, so it has been known to get skin cancer.

As a rule, animals native to areas where they live are well adapted to the climate; those that are transplanted from cool, cloudy areas to sunny climates are like people - at higher risk of sunburn and skin cancer if they don't have the advantage of scales, hair or fur.

**Why do some cuts on the skin result in scars, while others heal without scarring?**

Dr. David Enk of the dermatology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem answers:

Whether a wound in the skin results in a scar depends mostly on the depth of the traumatic injury. Less-deep wounds are less likely to cause scarring. It also depends on the location of the cut: those on parts of the body that are subjected to a lot of movement, such as the joints, will scar more than those that do not move much or that are immobilized, as pulling on the wound can promote scarring.

A deep wound that is stitched well will cause less scarring, or even none.

There is also a hereditary element: Some people will scar from almost every cut. Age and nutrition are less important. Old people tend to scar more easily because the ability of their skin to

repair itself is somewhat less effective, but the differences in skin repair between the young and old are not very significant.

**I have been watching a lot of figure skaters on cable TV. Why are all the jump-twists and spins carried out in a counterclockwise direction? I can't remember seeing any skater spinning clockwise. Is it an Olympic rule or is there a scientific reason? Herschell, Karkar.**

Dr. Yoni Yaron of the sports medicine department of the Wingate Institute for Physical Education in Netanya replies:

You are partially mistaken in your observations. When figure skaters make a spin on the surface of the ice, they do go counterclockwise - but only because this is the accepted style among figure skaters.

There is no scientific reason for it. When they jump in the air, however, they go either clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on which is their "dominant" leg. Dominance is not determined by whether one is left- or right-handed, however.

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## Premature babies tend to have more problems later at school

HEALTH SCAN  
POST HEALTH REPORTER

**T**HE development of seemingly normal children who were born with a very low birth weight (VLBW) should be carefully followed when they enter school. Studies show that such youngsters tend to have significantly lower verbal abilities than those born at normal weights, according to doctors in Jerusalem.

Ruth Litt, Adina Joseph and Rena Gale of Bikur Holim Hospital's neonatology department, Shaare Zedek Hospital's neuro-pediatric unit and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School followed up at age six a group of 24 children who were born in 1985 very prematurely.

Comparing them with a control group who were full sized, the researchers found that four had major motor and developmental disabilities.

Those without major disabilities had the same IQ range as the control group, but their verbal performances were poorer. "These findings point to future learning difficulties and should alert both pediatricians and educators to the importance of long-term follow-up of VLBW children in order to identify and address their specific educational



Children born very prematurely have poorer verbal performance at age six than do full-weight babies. (Ackerman)

needs," the researchers declared in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*.

Previous studies conducted abroad reached similar conclusions. The Jerusalem researchers said there was an important connection between low verbal functioning at preschool age and poor verbal functioning when these children reach elementary school.

"In our opinion, it is advisable to direct specific attention at an early age to the field of language in these children."

### PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING ORGAN DONATIONS

The Health Ministry will "consider" a proposal by the Meimad (politically moderate, modern Orthodox) movement to allow potential organ donors to stipulate on their consent card that organs may be taken to save lives "with approval of a halachic authority chosen by the family."

The ministry says it will study the proposal, which Meimad made to increase public willingness to donate organs for transplantation. Directors of transplant depart-

ments recently met with Meimad leaders, including director-general Yossi Ben-Gal, who presented their proposal. The Meimad activists said the addition to the card registered by the ADI (the Hebrew acronym for the organization that promotes the donation of organs for transplant), which is attached to every driver's license renewal form, would in effect formalize a situation that already exists.

In most cases, families of potential donors are allowed to ask a rabbi before giving their consent. But having this stipulated on the card would ease the decision for many religious Jews whether to register as a potential donor, Ben-Gal said.

The doctors declined to go along with the proposal, however. Ben-Gal said later that some of them apparently had not understood it or were afraid of arousing the ire of the haredi community, which is even more reluctant to donate organs than the moderate Orthodox.

Meimad recently set up a team of doctors, rabbis and lawyers headed by Prof. Shimon Glick of Beersheba's Soroka Hospital to promote transplantation.

Ben-Gal said this team would continue in these efforts and meet with Dr. Pierre Singer, head of the intensive-care department at Beilinson Hospital, who also is the Health Ministry's coordinator on information about organ transplants.

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## Scuttling Madrid

ONE of the central achievements of the Madrid conference was that it overcame Arab resistance to bilateral, direct negotiations with Israel. The achievement was extraordinary, because the root cause of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not the "occupation" of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza - Arab-Israeli wars and Palestinian terrorism preceded the "occupation" - but the refusal of the Arab regimes to recognize Israel's legitimacy. (Even Egypt, which of course recognized Israel 16 years ago, has yet to put Israel on official Egyptian maps.) Syria in particular has always believed that negotiations through intermediaries, or under the auspices of an international conference, would absolve it from having to recognize Israel as a sovereign equal. That it agreed to accept the Madrid formula - which implied such recognition - was a triumph of Israeli tenacity and American diplomacy.

Now this achievement is being frittered away. From the very beginning, the Damascus regime, always the most virulent in its hostility to Israel, made no secret of its resentment for the direct-talks formula. In what seemed like childish maneuvers, its delegation to the peace talks desperately attempted to impart the impression that the talks' nominal sponsors, the US and the USSR (later Russia), were actually active mediators.

But from a Syrian viewpoint, the tactic is not unreasonable. Damascus believes it can use recognition of Israel as a bargaining chip - something it can award Israel in return for concessions. It also knows that a US administration actively involved in the negotiations has a vested interest in their successful conclusion; and since the US has more leverage with Israel than Syria has, it will be eager to pressure Israel to make concessions.

These Syrian assumptions have proved eminently valid. Like all dictators, Hafez Assad is free of internal pressures. Neither the press nor

parliamentary coalition partners nor "peace camps" press him to make progress in the peace process. He can create pressure on Israel by suspending the talks at will, or by activating Hizbullah in Lebanon. He can support terrorist groups active in the areas under Israel's control and threaten war if Israel does not make peace on Syrian terms. And he can also insist that the talks be conducted through American mediation rather than in face-to-face negotiations.

Had the Israeli government insisted that the Madrid formula be followed, chances are the Syrians, in need of American aid and trade, would acquiesce. But Assad has been shrewd enough to realize that the government's eagerness to sign an agreement before the 1996 election gives it little room to maneuver and no will to insist on anything. With typical cunning he has managed to convert the direct talks into shuttle diplomacy negotiations, thus placing negotiations for a permanent peace on the level of an armistice agreement.

It is within this context that Secretary of State Warren Christopher's achievement in Damascus yesterday, the announcement of a future meeting of the Syrian and Israeli chiefs of staff, must be viewed. The meeting will not be held in conjunction with high-level Israeli-Syrian talks, but as an exchange of views by technicians on ideas presented by the US mediators. And the disagreements will have to be ironed out by the Americans in another shuttle round.

That the current government is favored by the US, and that Christopher wishes to help it get reelected by implying that only Rabin and Peres can bring peace, is hardly surprising. This is the first government that has agreed to follow the US Middle East agenda by withdrawing from virtually all territories won in 1967. But it is highly doubtful the "warm peace" which Christopher says Assad wants can be achieved through US mediation, with Israel held at arm's length from the negotiations.

## Stalinist haggling

THE United States and North Korea reportedly closed the gap yesterday in their long, drawn-out talks on the North's nuclear program. No details of the agreement have been revealed so far, but it will come as no surprise to anyone if the obtuse North Koreans find another catalogue of demands and objections to strew on the path to implementing anything.

The current round of talks, basically aimed at persuading the destitute Stalinist state to abandon its attempts to produce nuclear weapons, have dragged on since May 20. They have labored under a typically dictatorial threat - that the North would begin reprocessing 8,000 nuclear fuel rods it has held in storage since last year. These elements could yield enough plutonium for several warheads.

Why this poverty-stricken joke of a totalitarian state has ever wanted to join the nuclear-weapons club is a mystery to any person of reason - the answer can only be megalomania or criminally inclined international blackmail. Indeed, the threat to renew plutonium production has clearly been blackmail in itself and a crude attempt to extract another billion dollars from the West by dropping new demands into the talks.

Under the provisional accord made with North Korea last October, Washington agreed to head an international consortium - including China, Russia, Germany, Japan, and South Korea - to finance two light-water reactors for Pyongyang. These would replace the conten-

tious graphite reactors the North has been using to divert weapons-grade plutonium in breach of its membership of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. This was a most generous offer - too generous, according to South Korea and some Republican critics of the Clinton administration.

The generosity didn't stop the North Koreans from quibbling that they would not accept South Korean light-water reactors, and in any case wanted the deal to include lots of expensive add-on goodies. In the past weeks, the North has grudgingly conceded that only South Korean reactors make sense, but has asked for an extra \$1 billion in technical and other aid in exchange for this political "concession." The United States rightly rejected this attempt to expand a nuclear safety agreement into an open-ended package of handouts for the North.

While this would-be nuclear power has been haggling with Washington, reports have surfaced that it has been begging secretly from the hated South for rice to feed its impoverished people. North Korea also asked Japan last month for emergency rice aid, finally admitting the long-promulgated lie that the communist dictatorship is a roaring economic success.

The nuclear agreement is probably necessary for the safety of North Korea's neighbors and the rest of the world, but Pyongyang will really do itself and the international community a real favor only when it abandons its tiresome communist ideology and joins the rest of civilization in the 20th century.



## When you're 64 or more

PINCHAS LANDAU

THAT Israel, along with the entire Western world, is facing a pension crisis is hardly news. That we, along with many other countries, are being forced to do something about it is a more recent and quite dramatic development.

The source of the problem is that the assumptions that underlay the social security systems established in the postwar world have become badly outdated.

Fifty years ago, it was reasonable to assume that working men could retire at 65 and live off the pensions they had accumulated during their working lives for their remaining years because, on the average, they didn't have many remaining years.

Furthermore, it was reasonable to assume that sovereign states would have no trouble meeting the obligations they had undertaken by promising state-funded pensions.

Given an expanding workforce and a growing economy, the tax base would carry the burden.

In the 1990s, the world is a very different place. Life expectancy in advanced countries has climbed from the upper 60s to the mid to upper 70s, with women still outliving men. The demographic problem has been further aggravated by the swelling ranks of retirees being offset by a shortage of new young entrants into the labor force.

Worst of all, the welfare state has outstripped its ability to finance itself, and national governments' accumulated borrowing stands economic growth in their countries.

The logical solutions to these developments are: a) to raise retirement ages; b) to raise employees' contributions to pay for their retirement; c) to reduce the extent of retirement benefits; and, d) to end state-run budgetary pension schemes and make everyone save for his or her own pension.

However, each of these solutions, or any combination of them, is certain to spark intense opposition from the mass of working people who have been led to believe they can have their cake and eat it for a decade or two after they stop work.

The clear prospect of electoral oblivion that faced any government anywhere foolhardy enough to enter the pension mine field has been more than sufficient to en-

courage democratic governments of all stripes to ignore the problem.

And since, by its very nature, the looming pensions crisis has matured only over several decades, this head-in-the-sand "solution" was all too easy.

Eventually, however, the demographic trends and the pressures generated by international financial markets forced governments to sit up and pay serious attention to the problem.

BY INTERNATIONAL standards, Israel's pensions crisis is relatively mild, because the demo-

intense public debate and furious lobbying activity from various groups holding contrary opinions, is viewed by professional economists as the single most serious currently identifiable threat to economic growth over the long term.

This assessment is rooted in the government's agreement to allow the pension funds to invest 70 percent of their inflow in nontradable government bonds that will yield a guaranteed real (i.e. after-inflation) interest rate of 5 percent a year. Overall, the government has set a floor of not less than 3 percent real interest on the pension funds' total investment portfolio.

When one considers that the average real interest rate paid by US government bonds over the last 70 years is 1.5 percent, it becomes clear that the yield promised by the Israeli government is well above any feasible long-term market rate.

Savers will therefore put as much as possible into these protected and subsidized pension funds, to the detriment of other savings vehicles (provident funds are already hemorrhaging), while the private sector will have to pay a high price for the limited pool of capital left over by the government.

In short, the process of capital market reform, which has been the most successful and probably the most important structural reform in the economy over the last decade, will be reversed - perhaps completely eradicated - if the government's current plans are implemented.

The bitter irony is that in the worst-case scenario, in which the government insists on proclaiming a long-term guarantee for pension fund savings, investments will fall, unemployment will rise, and the growth needed to pay for the pensions will not be achieved. Only heavy taxation or massive borrowing, both at unsupportable levels, will allow future governments to continue meeting their obligations to future pensioners.

There is, therefore, no way in which today's 40-60 generation will benefit from the new pension reform, whose primary aim is to "guarantee" its future well-being. There can be no free lunch. But, as usual, there is plenty of demand for one.

The writer is a columnist for the Globes business daily.

If you're contemplating a long, comfortable retirement, don't rely on a state-guaranteed pension to provide it

graphic balance between young and old is much healthier.

However, the rapidly worsening actuarial position of the Histadrut pension funds (meaning that these funds promised far more to their members than their contributions could reasonably pay for down the road), and the demand to end the Histadrut's monopoly on pension fund management, forced matters to a head.

In the best Israeli tradition, the government took up the gauntlet by appointing a committee of experts.

The Fogel committee on pension fund reform, headed by then Treasury director-general Aharon Fogel, duly submitted a report which - despite proposing compromise, almost stop-gap, measures - was nevertheless based on serious analysis of the complex social, economic, and financial concerns involved in the pensions issue.

Having received the report, the government proceeded to ignore most of its recommendations.

The pension reform plan approved by the cabinet in late March, since then the subject of

## The right man

SARA MARTIN

IT starts as soon as you get here. "Are you married? Are you on your own? Do you want an introduction?"

I think of myself as normal. An attractive, intelligent, lively DJF (as the ads would have it). Just like plenty more where I come from in England: sometimes sad, often happy, but first and foremost an individual, a woman in my own right.

In Europe there have been decades of hard-won freedom. Women have fought against being persona grata only if they are linked with a man. Baby-production, devotion to raising a family, lasting relationships - these are certainly still options, but there are many others.

Some women - and men - deliberately choose lifestyles that don't embrace these conventions. Others have no option but to face the reality of alternative experience. But accepting and being accepted for who we can be without a partner has become a recognized stage of growth.

How come, then, that in Israel I feel oppressed by the concern that I won't find the right man? Only here it isn't my liberal English family who are on my back, it's the whole country.

It's the nice lady in the bread shop where I buy my halla on Fridays, and get concerned along with my change. It's the man in the health food store, who is sure I'd be much healthier if I were married. It's in the obvious joy of the friend who did meet the right man, in the "please God you should have such happiness" at her wedding.

At home I have no difficulty feeling as human as my married friends. I see how we all have our own problems.

Partners can bring stress and loneliness. Children can be more of a disappointment than no family at all. Ultimately it's individ-

Israeli society seems to turn single people into sad misfits

ual happiness and achievement that matters.

I'm sad at the way, here, I have to be seen primarily as someone's prospective wife. And I'm affronted at the way this attitude undermines my attempts to have confidence in myself as a single person. I'm worried at how Israeli society seems to have little place for the unmarried, seems to turn single people into sad misfits.

"Nobody really likes to be alone." "The right partner can bring so much joy." "Of course I want a long-lasting, secure marriage." In every section of society there's an unerring freedom to voice these traditional feelings, so anachronistic elsewhere.

SO NOW I'm thoroughly confused.

My comfortable old way of dealing with being single (I'll muddle through, the right person may come along, meanwhile I'll live as I am) has been replaced by the disquieting urge to find The Right One. Here the quest is openly admissible, the hunt all-consuming.

What's so disturbing is that I'm being forced to ask: Is marriage, as in the happy-ever-after childhood stories, the only real way to bliss?

Most modern societies have succeeded in demolishing this ideal. But in Israel the idea of male-female partnership seems neither a naive teenage dream nor a societal mode.

It has to do with the possibility of real union, of salvation, fulfillment of the promise that has always existed as part of the national and religious heritage.

This quaint, ridiculous, infuriating, disturbing faith in the living reality of marital unity might be more than a nice idea for the lucky, or the bored. Here I increasingly suspect that it provides a pretty major chance to live in spiritual harmony.

To feel confident and contented living alone, I'll have to go back to England.

Meanwhile: Yes, please - I'll take all the introductions I can get.

The writer is a British journalist spending a year in Israel.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ISRAELI DEBATERS

Sir, - In criticizing the appalling Popolitica show (Letters, June 6), reader M. Peggy suggests putting Dan Margalit "through a course in debate like the one they have at Oxford University."

Margalit needs to go so far. He could have visited the Rene Cassin school in Jerusalem recently to watch the finals of the Israel Schools Debating Competition organized by Siah veSag - The Israel Debating Society - with the support of Bank Hapoalim. Teams from eight schools, including in the Arab sector, competed against each other in public debate fast and furiously - but with panache, style and intelligence, while listening to the other speakers, in front of a vociferous and enthusiastic crowd of some 500 supporters.

Messrs. Margalit, Lapid, Dankner, et al. are warmly invited to attend some of our courses held for thousands of schoolchildren of all ages throughout the country. They might even enjoy hearing civilized debaters in action, and they would certainly learn something.

ASHER WEILL,  
Chairman,  
Siah veSag, the Israel  
Debating Society  
Jerusalem.

### JERUSALEM DAY

Sir, - Unlike David Margolis, I can find no resemblance between the "jostling" of an Arab couple by an ill-mannered Jewish youth on a Jerusalem Day parade to the Western Wall and Cossack brutality towards the Jews in 17th-century Eastern Europe ("Jewish gifts that could be lost," May 26). It is also disturbing that Mr. Margolis chooses to make use of this puerile incident to try to prove that "occupation corrupts the occupier." This attempt is not only distasteful, but his implication that the Old City of Jerusalem is "occupied" territory is wholly unacceptable.

There is no part of Jerusalem that is "occupied." The remarkable 3000-year-old attachment of the Jewish people to Jerusalem is unique in the annals of history. No other nation has a more legitimate claim to their capital city than the Jews have to Jerusalem. Jerusalem Day marches are obliged to respect Arab feelings. This despite the fact that on that day we recall the shocking disrespect shown for Jewish holy sites under Jordanian rule (1948-1967).

There is no reason why Israeli Arabs should not also celebrate Jerusalem Day, which marks the restoration of their freedom to worship in their holy mosques on the Temple

Mount, a right denied them for 19 years by the Jordanians.

Mr. Margolis considers the liberation of East Jerusalem by Israel in 1967 a "national disaster" for the Arabs. The only real "calamity" which befell the Arabs in 1967 - and which Mr. Margolis ignores - was that forces of five Arab nations did not succeed in their acknowledged aim of destroying the State of Israel.

NAOMI SCHENDOWICH  
Jerusalem.

### AVID READER

Sir, - As a new immigrant from Australia and not knowing much Hebrew, I am an avid reader of the Post. I am also an Orthodox Jew much at variance with most of my friends, because I do not follow the generally right-wing sentiments of your paper, though in fairness I must say you try at times to present the opposite point of view.

I was delighted to see that you have a member of your editorial staff who is indeed a realist. I refer to Abraham Rabinovich, who wrote an excellent article on Jerusalem on May 19. May I suggest more articles by this journalist, which will satisfy most of us who, with trepidation, still support the actions of our government.

Netanya. DAVID BIBER

## POSTSCRIPTS

GREAT MOMENTS in American legal history: a former prisoner is suing the jail because it refused to provide him with dental floss.

Richard Loritz, 31, said he developed four cavities during the three months he was held in a San Diego prison because he could not floss. He wants to be reimbursed \$2,000 for dental expenses.

"Despite several requests, the sheriff's deputies did not provide me with dental floss, which is a medical necessity to prevent cavities," Loritz wrote in a claim.

A former law student, Loritz will stand trial for the shooting of his ex-girlfriend.

It is against jail policy to give or sell dental floss because it could be used as a weapon, though inmates can ask for a medical visit and have their teeth flossed by a dentist.

### PENFRIENDS

BILLY HUGH CAMPBELL II (30), of 1550 Old Smugglers Ferry Road, Chucky, Tennessee 37641, US, is married and the father of a one-year-old girl. He wants Israeli penfriends in order to learn more about our history and land.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



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# Term Limits

## Question may spur constitutional convention

**BY ROBERT NOVAK**

**W**ASHINGTON - As Republican members of Congress uncrossed their fingers in gratitude that the Supreme Court had taken them off the hook, people who really care about term limits met to ponder a new tactic: a constitutional convention.

That course is dictated by House Republican leaders' decision not to pursue term limits. They signaled their ennui by ignoring GOP strategist William Kristol's proposal to pass a states-rights constitutional amendment before the 1996 election.

Collecting the 34 states needed to convene the first constitutional convention since 1787 might seem a Sisyphean task. But 29 state legislatures have called for a convention to adopt a balanced budget amendment - could not the two issues be joined?

Kristol thinks they can and is not worried about a runaway convention. But Howie Rich, president of U.S. Term Limits, wants to start from scratch. His lawyers cite a footnote in the court decision, which asserts that there is no difference in "validity" between state legislative and direct popular action. That is a green light for summoning a convention through voter initiatives rather than having to win over 34 legislatures.

The recourse to a convention may be required because the Supreme Court has joined Congress in blocking popular aspirations. On no

issue are fault lines so clear between the people and the elite. Particularly egregious have been Republican leaders, who profess to be supporters.

The most devastating blow was delivered by the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision. Its definitive judgment that term limits in any form are unconstitutional doomed alternative plans to temporarily deny ballot access for veteran incumbents or to require candidates to sign a pledge of limited

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service. If ever there was judicial legislation, this was it. Justice John Paul Stevens, who has spent two decades since nomination by Republican Gerald Ford finding invisible writing in the Constitution, ruled that its "democratic principles" would be violated by state referenda imposing congressional term limits.

The dissent by Clarence Thomas affirmed that he and Antonin Scalia are the only justices who always see just what is written in the Constitution. "Nothing in the Constitution

deprives the people of each state of the power to prescribe eligibility requirements for the candidates who seek to represent them in Congress," Thomas said.

That assertion has been transmogrified by New York Times Supreme Court reporter Linda Greenhouse into a warning that the court nearly destroyed the federal system and returned to the unworkable Articles of Confederation. But what Thomas would return to is not 1787 but 1933 at the earliest.

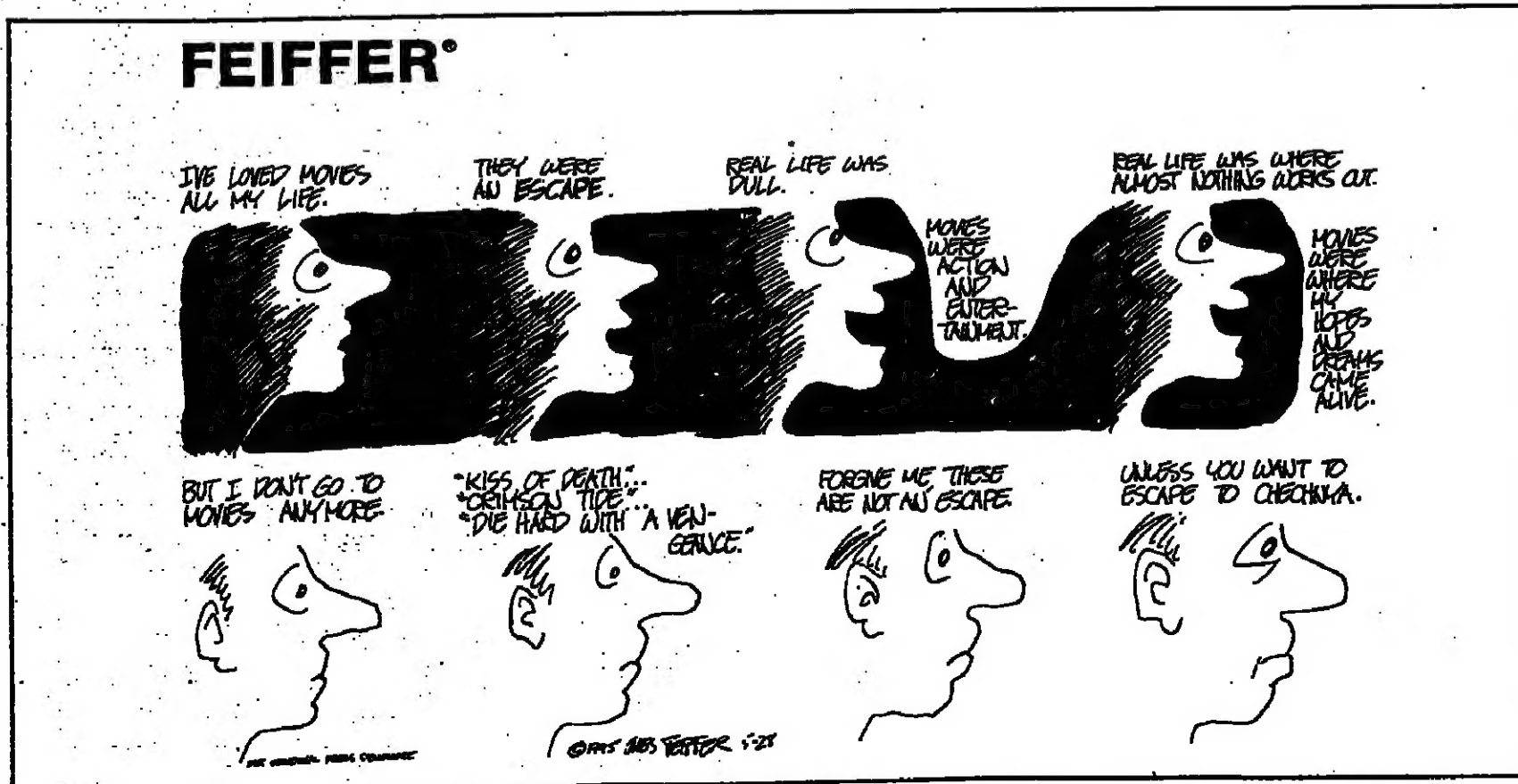
The court's decision led Kristol to issue his last "memorandum to Republican leaders." He requested "a quick vote" on a constitutional amendment that would let each state set its own qualifications. That, said Kristol, would "demonstrate Republican adherence to our stated goals."

What was demonstrated was Republican hypocrisy. House Speaker Newt Gingrich reserved his most hostile fire for U.S. Term Limits and other critics.

Former House Speaker Thomas Foley, driven from office for opposing term limits, has said voters eventually will lose interest in this question and politicians will triumph. The Republicans, less openly, make the same wager. If they wind up at a constitutional convention, they will have lost their bet.

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# Bosnian crisis transcends powers

BY LEON WIESELTIER

There is another Bosnian crisis this week. Not in Bosnia, of course. In Bosnia things are the same, only more so. No, the crisis is taking place in the capitals of the Western powers, which are finding it harder and harder to escape the consequences of their policy of appeasement. The doves, you might say, are coming home to roost.

Here is what happened recently. The Serbs moved heavy weapons closer to Sarajevo and fired upon it. They have done so before. NATO issued warnings. It has done so before. The Serbs ignored the warnings. They have done so before. NATO launched a trivial attack against a Serb position. It has done so before. The Serbs responded by taking U.N. troops hostage. They have done so before.

Two conclusions are being drawn from the success of the Serbs. The first is that the use of force has failed. "The Bosnian Serbs have now trumped our ace," as former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger told *The Washington Post*. Eagleburger's pronouncement is utterly self-serving: the man was one of the architects of American appeasement in the Bush administration.

Though the West has occasionally acted militarily against the Serbs in Bosnia, the West's response has been fundamentally unmilitary. No sustained air campaign against the war-making ability of the Serbs in Bosnia was ever really considered. Like NATO's previous strikes, NATO's recent strike was more a demonstration of inhibition than a demonstration of the lack of it. This was not what the Serbs were fearing. Indeed, it was what they were counting on. This trifling retort to the Serbs' violation of the Sarajevo arrangement played right into the Serbs' hands: It was a military response so predictably puny that it could serve only as a pretext for a Serb provocation. It also reassured the Serbs that they will never experience punishments proportionate to their crimes.

The second conclusion is that we must act forcefully against the Serbs to help... the United Nations. The ministers of the Contact Group (including the foreign minister of Russia, who must have been chuckling) announced at The Hague that they intended to expand the size of the U.N. mission and to fortify it with heavier weapons, just as it has been fortified before. They said nothing about the nature of the mission itself. For all with eyes to see, of course, the essential absurdity of the U.N. mission was made brutally plain last week.

It cannot have escaped the notice of our policymakers that the U.N. is providing cover for the Serbs, except that the U.N. is providing cover for our policymakers, too. It saves them from the prospect of action. That is why the plight of the U.N. stirs them more than the plight of Bosnia. And nobody is less stirred by the plight of Bosnia than the aloof Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who put an early damper on international outrage when he called this a "rich man's war." The Bosnians, he said, were less deserving than those under siege, by hunger and by arms, in Africa. And the United States followed the secretary general's recommendation. We sent troops to Somalia and we sent no troops to Bosnia.

It is hard to think of a major crisis since the Second World War in which the president of the United States has wielded less moral and political authority. There are 22,470 U.N. troops in Bosnia, from 18 countries. Britain has 3,565 men under arms; France has 3,835; Pakistan has 2,978. The United States has none, and the Clinton administration, when it isn't denouncing the Republicans as isolationists, regularly boasts about it. In such circumstances, it is impossible for the president of the United States to lead.

Does Clinton grasp that there is evil in the world? And does he understand that he is not the governor of the United States? It is a requirement of his job that he care about matters beyond our borders, matters like war and genocide and the general collapse of America's role in the world, matters that will not gain him a point in the polls. The joke on Clinton is that he is almost certainly about to be hoist by his own isolationism. The result of the Bosnia policy that was designed to spare the United States all costs in lives and dollars may be a U.N. "extraction operation" that will require the deployment of many thousands of American troops and the expense of many millions of American dollars. And Bosnia will have been destroyed. Nice work.

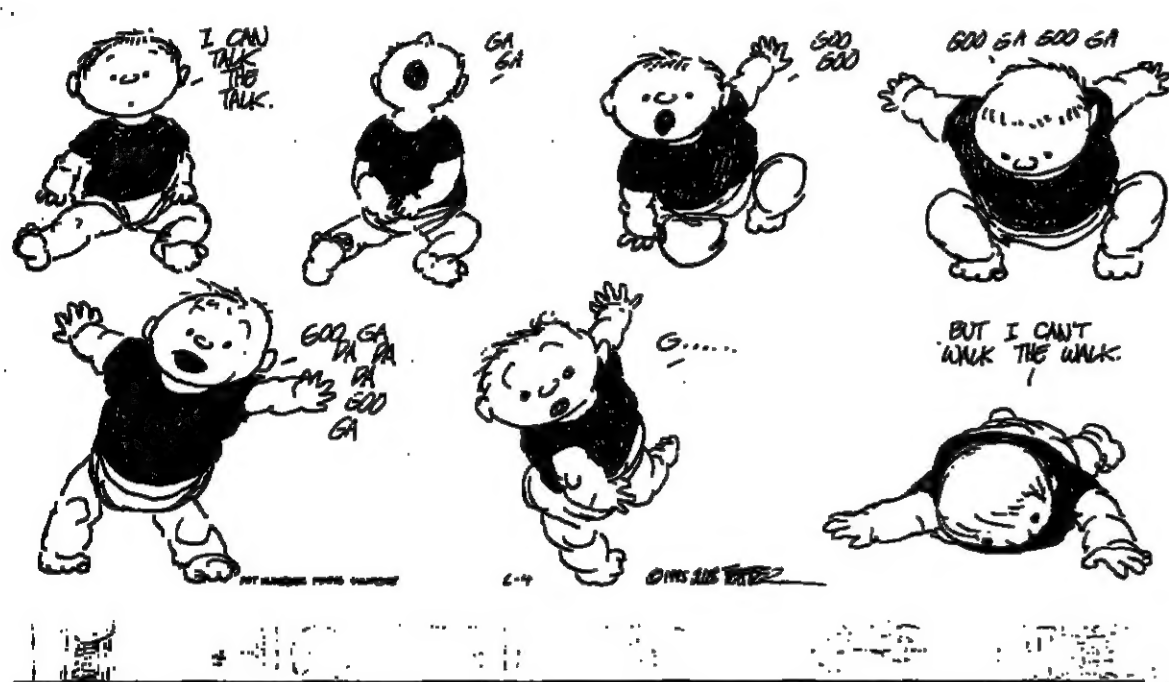
It is time to conclude this sinister farce. The U.N. should get out of the way. Its forces must be withdrawn, so that the Serbs may no longer hide behind them, and then the Bosnians must be armed, so that they can fight their own fight, which is all that they are asking to do. Withdraw and strike, lift and strike. Obviously this is not as simple as it sounds. The withdrawal of the U.N. will mean war; and unless NATO provides protection from the air, for the departing U.N. troops and for the training Bosnian troops, the U.N. withdrawal will expose the Bosnians to the Serbs as brutally as it will expose the Serbs to the Bosnians, and Bosnia will fall. But there already is war and Bosnia already is falling. Anyway, Bill Clinton and Boutros Boutros-Ghali and John Major and the rest are not keeping the U.N. in Bosnia to spare it horror. They can live with its horror. They are keeping the U.N. in Bosnia to spare themselves a reckoning with their own failure. For it is they who ordained that Bosnia become a place where it is always too late for justice.

*By the editors of The New Republic*

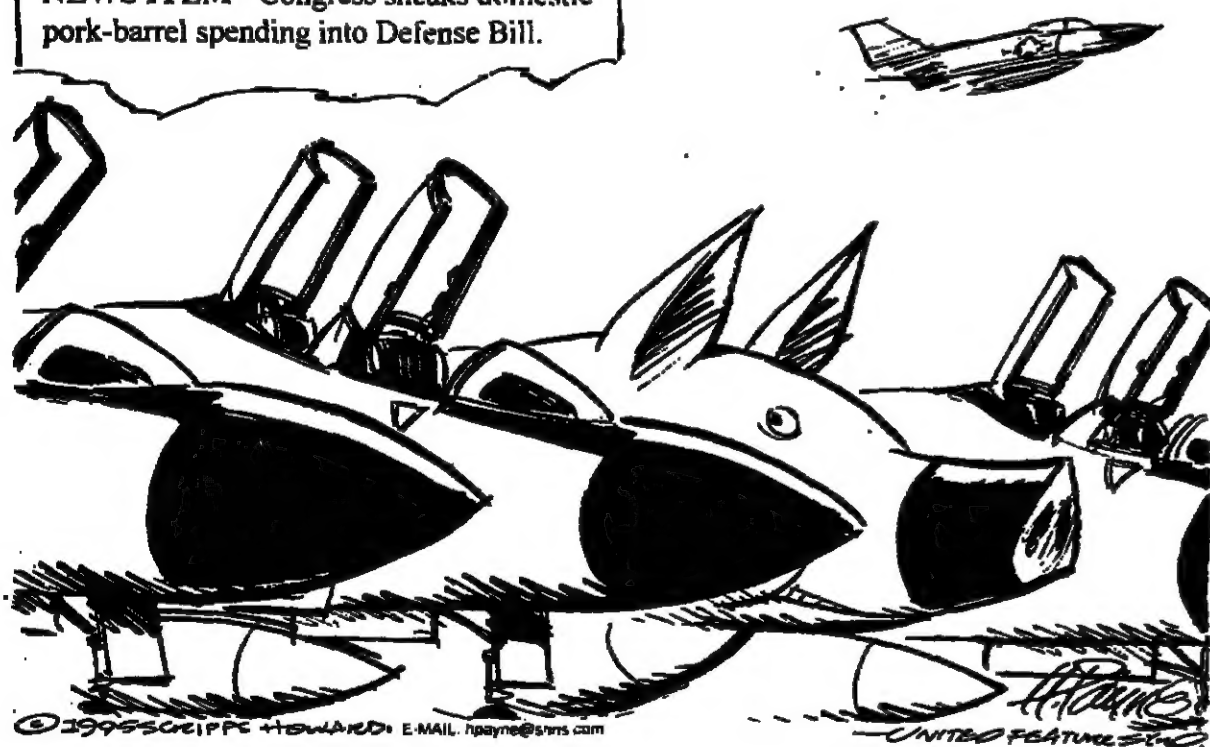
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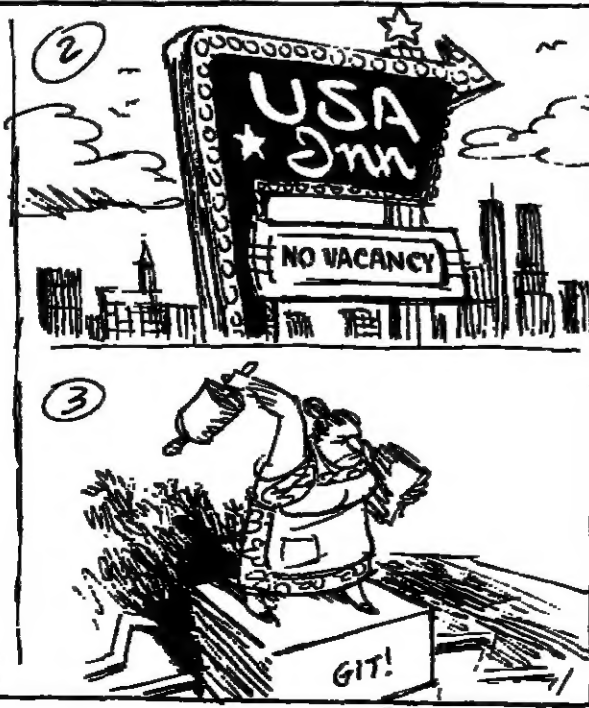
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# Docudrama reveals tragic child molestation

BY RUTH SHALIT

**I**ndictment. HBO's ripped-from-the-headlines docudrama about the seven-year trial over charges of child molestation at the McMartin Preschool in Manhattan Beach, Calif., has been running for several weeks on the premium cable channel. "Powerful and provocative," raved *The Boston Herald*. "Comparisons to the O.J. trial will be inevitable." One hardly needs to look west, however, for a present-day analogue to the McMartin melodrama. A parallel travesty is unfolding in Malden, Mass., in the *Herald's* own backyard.

In 1985, the Amiraault family was accused and convicted of sexually abusing and torturing some 40 children between the ages of 3 and 6 who attended their Fells Acres Day School. Seventy-two-year-old Violet Amiraault and her daughter, Cheryl, are currently serving up to 20 years in prison for the crime. Violet's son, Gerald "Tooky" Amiraault, is serving up to 40 years. All three have maintained they are totally innocent of all the charges.

The Amiraault's plight has been meticulously documented by Dorothy Rabinowitz in a series of long editorials for The Wall Street Journal. It is impossible to read her columns without feeling that a clear miscarriage of justice has occurred.

It was Labor Day 1984 when the allegations against the Fells Acres day care center began to unfold. They started with one 5-year-old boy complaining that his "pants had been pulled down." Soon, the state department of social services was questioning the boy, who proved unable to say anything more about what had happened. Yet based on that information alone, Gerald Amirault, who worked as an administrator and handyman at the school, was arrested and taken into custody. In retrospect, the incident looks to be entirely innocent. According to a teacher, Gerald had changed the boy into fresh clothes after he wet his bed at naptime, then sent him home with his wet underpants in a plastic bag. But Amirault was never questioned by police.

Panic spread as 80 couples were called to the police station and warned that their children had been abused. The parents were told to look for "danger signs" such as bed-wetting, thumbsucking and bad dreams. They were told to grill their children about magic rooms, secret rooms and clowns — all hallmarks of headline-making abuse trials across the country — and to ask their children whether the Amiraunts "had touched them in certain places." The techniques used to determine whether sexual abuse has occurred have evolved considerably since the mid-'80s; it's now clear that such leading instructions to parents are a terrible mistake. In the Fells Acres case, they not only prejudiced the parents, they hopelessly contaminated the case by introducing the concept of a "magic room" and "bad clown" to the children through the parents, instead of the other way around.

The Fells Acres students were then steered to pediatric nurse Susan Kelly, a maven of recovered memory who had researched and

written on subjects such as nationwide satanic conspiracies and their ceremonies of so-called "ritual abuse." The transcripts of the children's interviews are truly astonishing. They clearly show that Kelly, a graduate student in psychology, led the children into their accusations. A highly suggestive interviewing technique, designed for cases where abuse was already an established fact, was used even though no evidence of abuse existed. Brandishing handfuls of anatomically correct dolls, with hypertrophied genitalia, Kelly pleaded with the children to incriminate their teachers.

By the time the Fells Acres children had concluded their regimen of therapeutic dousing, Gerald Amirault, the father of two and expecting a third, stood revealed as a devotee of sado-masochistic scenarios too gruesome to be believed. Students told of a "magic room," analogous to a torture chamber, in which "Tooky" would rape them with magic wands and force them to drink urine. Violet Amirault, for years a

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symbol of rectitude in her community, emerged as a co-conspirator in these marathon sessions of sexual torture; according to the children, "Miss Vi" was really "a robot like R2D2 from Star Wars" who flashed green lights and bit the children "on the arm" if they did not comply with sex. Violet's daughter Cheryl was really a "bad clown" who would "throw fire around the room" as she abused the children.

As the children's stories ascended into the surrealistic stratosphere, an out-of-control tabloid press fed the frenzy. "abuser is jack-of-all-trades at the tots' school," shrieked a Boston Herald headline. Another paper featured "Victim Profiles" of "The Tragic Young" ("Is he ever going to be normal again?... What's she going to be like as a teenager?"). Never mind that no teacher at Fells Acres had ever heard of a magic room or been denied access to any room in the building. Or that the kids seemed to like the Amiraunts, despite what was alleged to be happening. Or that a girl who had supposedly had a 12-inch butcher's knife inserted into her displayed no symptoms or qualms, aside from thumb-sucking. That, in fact, none of the children had any signs of wounds or blood or visible signs of scarring, according to medical records introduced at trial.

The prosecution thought it had a motive: child pornography. The Malden Police Department combed the Amiraules' home and school for evidence. They even seized 29 photographs from the day care center. Alas, as the press

glumly reported, the snapshots showed only "normal scenes," like kids playing on the swingset and in the schoolyard. Nevertheless, at trial the prosecution called as a witness a postal inspector John Dunn to vilitate the jury with detailed descriptions of child pornography. He was followed by a parade of young witnesses in cotton dresses, ankle socks and patent-leather shoes. In the innovative, child-friendly courtroom, they were permitted to face the jury, not the accused, as they clutched their Cabbage Patch Kids and talked of secret trips, magic wands and underground tunnels of molestation.

A stone-faced jury convicted the Amiraults on all charges. At his sentencing hearing, Gerald Amirault, a small man with a large forehead, made an emotional plea for leniency. "I am not a child molester," he said. "I am a man who never so much as raised his voice to a child at Fells Acres." Gulping back sobs, he turned to the parents of the alleged victims. "I can look each one of you in the eye and say: I never harmed your children." The sentencing judge, unmoved, imposed the maximum sentence.

The interviewing techniques and investigative methods used to indict the Amiraunts, techniques so fashionable in the '80s, have come under fire in the '90s. A 1993 study of 800 children aged 4 to 6 showed that repeated questioning over time dramatically increases the likelihood of false reports of abuse. "All the research on the suggestibility of children shows that little children, especially preschool children, are phenomenally suggestible," says Richard Ofshe, a professor of social psychology at Berkeley who has studied extreme forms of influence. The use of anatomically correct dolls has also been questioned. Controlled studies have shown a margin of error so high as to render the dolls useless.

Meanwhile, the mental health counselors appointed by the state of Massachusetts to work with the Amiraaults have warned the governor in a letter that a "miscarriage of justice" has occurred. They suspect the Amiraaults are innocent and hope for a commutation. Unfortunately, the Amiraaults probably aren't going anywhere. William Weld, Massachusetts's crime-busting governor, is said to be sensitive to charges that he is soft on child molesters. The Amiraaults haven't helped matters any by continuing to vigorously deny the allegations against them. According to parole documents obtained by The Boston Globe, the commonwealth is committed to keeping the family locked up "until such time" as they "take responsibility." This the Amiraaults have refused to do.

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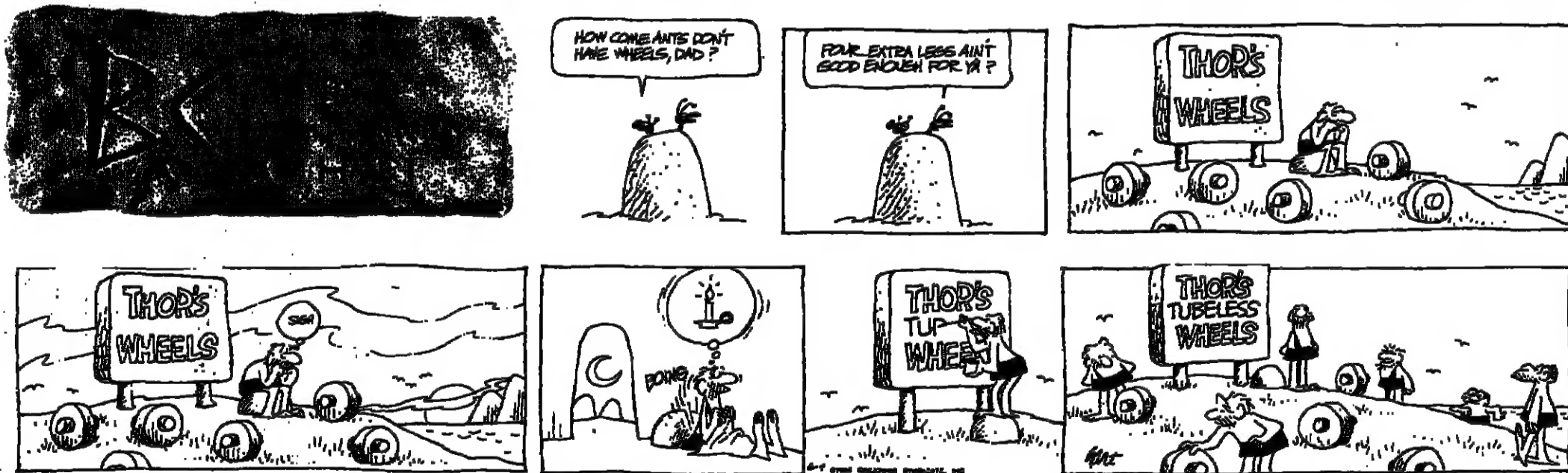
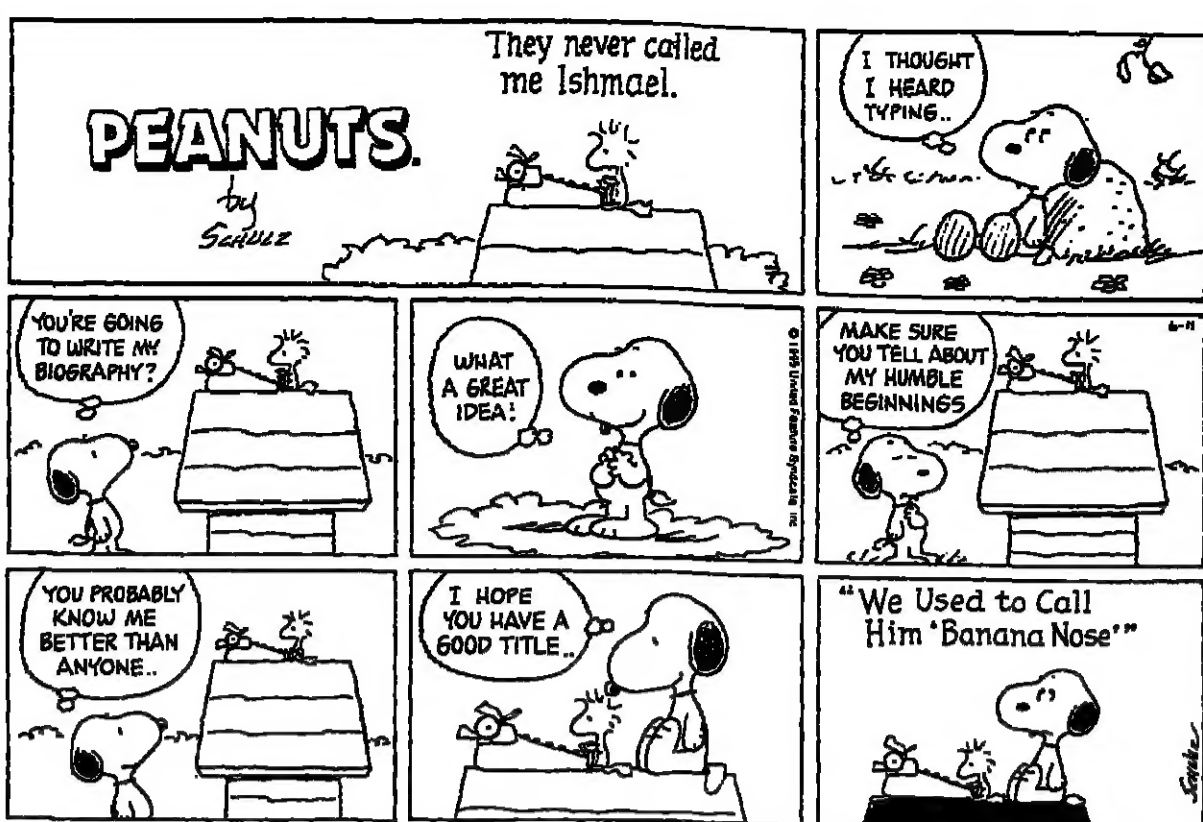
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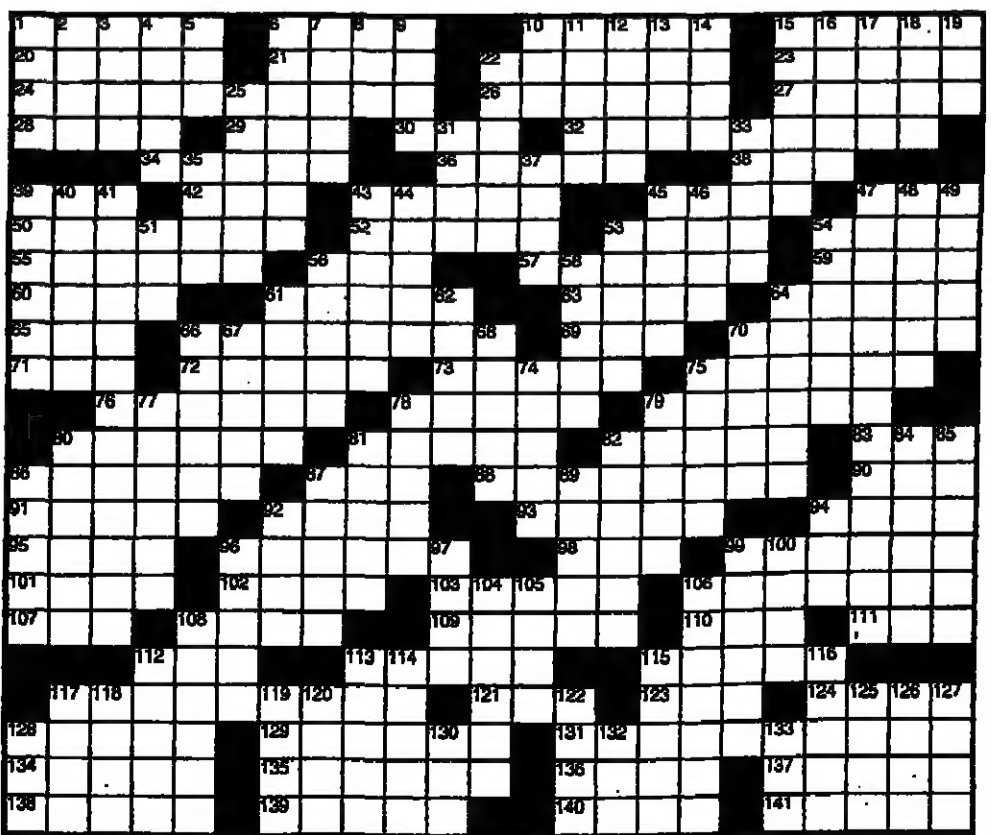
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# L.A. police chief alleges cover-up

By ALAN DERSHOWITZ

**G**uess who is now claiming that he is the victim of a framing and cover-up by the Los Angeles Police Department? None other than its own police chief, Willie Williams.

Poor Willie Williams. Several weeks ago at a press conference the embattled L.A. police chief stood squarely behind his officers, attacking me after I disclosed the dirty little secret known to everyone familiar with law enforcement: namely that police perjury and cover-up — especially in relation to search and seizure — is pervasive in this country. Despite the extensive documentation supporting my allegation, Chief Williams led the well-orchestrated campaign in support of the honesty and integrity of the L.A. police.

Now that Chief Williams has himself been accused of deliberately lying about improperly accepting free hotel rooms in Las Vegas, it is he who is accusing the Los Angeles Police Commission, and its apparent source, the Organized Crime Intelligence Division of

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his own police department, of making "utterly false" accusations. In effect, Chief Williams is claiming that he was framed by the Los Angeles Police Department for misconduct that he did not commit.

According to Newsweek Magazine, police sources within the L.A. Police Department support at least part of Chief Williams' allegation: namely that a group of police officers loyal to ousted Chief Daryl Gates targeted Chief Williams by conducting an unauthorized investigation of him, including unlawful surveillance of his trip to Las Vegas, and are now denying it. "This was a rogue operation to get rid of Williams," says an L.A. police source. This account has also been corroborated by a Las Vegas police official who confirms that an L.A. police detective was snooping around looking for dirt on Williams. Put another way, police officers hostile to Chief Williams — the first African-American police chief of Los Angeles' very white and very racially troubled police department — conspired to get Williams by using unlawful means and are now covering up their conspiracy.

Sound familiar? Is Chief Williams really lending support to O.J. Simpson's defense team? Is he simply trying to deflect attention from his own wrongdoing? Or is he telling the truth — this time? We will probably never know, because as the Christopher Commission pointed out after the L.A. riots, the L.A. Police Department — like many others — operates behind a "blue wall of silence."

Police officers routinely cover for each other and lie to protect each other. In New York, for example, state troopers planted fingerprints at crime scenes to enhance evidence against defendants they thought were guilty. When a special prosecutor was appointed to investigate this scandal, he faced a nearly impenetrable blue wall of silence. Most of the corrupt state troopers escaped prosecution because — in the words of the special prosecutor — their colleagues "have done everything they possibly can to frustrate the investigation." Similarly, when New York police went on a rampage at a Washington hotel and sexually assaulted some female guests — following a national memorial service for slain police officers — the blue wall of silence and cover-up extended beyond the New York police officers to the D.C. cops as well.

Now that Willie Williams knows what it feels like to be victimized by the blue wall of silence, maybe he will be willing to blow the whistle on his fellow officers and come forward and acknowledge that the problem of

pervasive police perjury and cover-up is a serious one that endangers the freedom of all Americans.

Indeed there are few institutions more dangerous to liberty than police willing to use improper means to target their enemies, and then to cover up their lawlessness. Lavrenti Beria, the notorious head of Stalin's K.G.B.,

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once said, "Give me the man and I will find you the crime." Our own version of Beria — J. Edgar Hoover — showed that this approach was not unique to the Soviet Union. Hoover's F.B.I. targeted Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Leonard Bernstein, and numerous other law-abiding citizens whom Hoover did not like — and then covered up their improprieties. The Willie Williams imbroglio demonstrates that rogue policemen determined to get someone — even their boss — can find something, even if it means following him out of the state, leaking their findings and then denying their actions.

In the fall of this year Chief Williams will have an opportunity to tell the world what he now thinks about police perjury. The Harvard Criminal Justice Institute is convening an academic conference on the issue of police perjury. Chief Williams will be an invited guest. I hope he will accept and tell us what he really believes about the pervasiveness of police perjury in Los Angeles and other American cities. There is no more important issue in law enforcement today.

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## Switch and bait

By MICKEY KAUS

**F**or two decades we've been romancing the right, trying to reach a grand centrist bargain. You know: old ends, new means. Subsidize housing, but with vouchers! Try school choice, but make it "controlled" choice, etc. When Democrats ran Washington, the right seemed to reciprocate these overtures. Commissions were formed, common ground explored, bills cosponsored. But now... well, something's changed.

A case in point: the Earned Income Tax Credit. A \$28 billion-a-year program that sends checks of up to \$3,500 to workers with meager earnings, the EITC has long been the lowest common denominator between the neoliberal left and the pragmatic right. To the left, the EITC offered a practical way of getting money to the poor. But its appeal to the right was equally obvious: In contrast to "welfare," it goes only to workers and is available to intact families. Yet it requires minimal bureaucracy. The IRS simply mails out the checks.

For the past two decades, when Democrats wanted to expand welfare or raise the minimum wage or establish state-funded day care, Republicans have proposed relying on the EITC instead. The EITC was expanded under Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton. Reagan called it "the best anti-poverty, the best pro-family, the best job-creation measure to come out of Congress."

But that was before the 1994 elections. Now, suddenly, the EITC is "the federal government's fastest growing... welfare program," according to Republican Sen. Don Nickles — and we know what Republicans think about "welfare" programs. The budget resolution passed by the Senate cuts the credit by \$20 billion between now and 2002. The House Ways and Means Committee is also hinting at large EITC reductions.

Why the vicious turn against what was an unassailable, bipartisan initiative? There are three "policy" explanations, all inadequate. The first is the charge, made most insistently by Nickles, that the EITC is racked with "massive" losses "due to fraud and error." But there is no evidence the losses are "massive," and the IRS is currently in the middle of a vigorous crackdown on EITC fraud. Why not give it a chance to work?

Second, the EITC can magnify the tax code's so-called "marriage penalty." If two \$15,000-a-year workers marry, for example, their combined income will be too high to qualify for the EITC. But that problem could be fixed by offering bigger benefits to married couples.

Third, the EITC may create a mild work disincentive because it is slowly "phased out" for workers earning between \$12,000 and \$29,000. In this range, for every extra dollar you make you lose about 20 cents of your credit. But the program also creates a positive work incentive for those who might do little or no work if the EITC didn't add 40 cents to every dollar earned up to about \$9,000. It's more important to get these potential non-workers into the working culture than it is to squeeze every ounce of labor from couples making \$25,000.

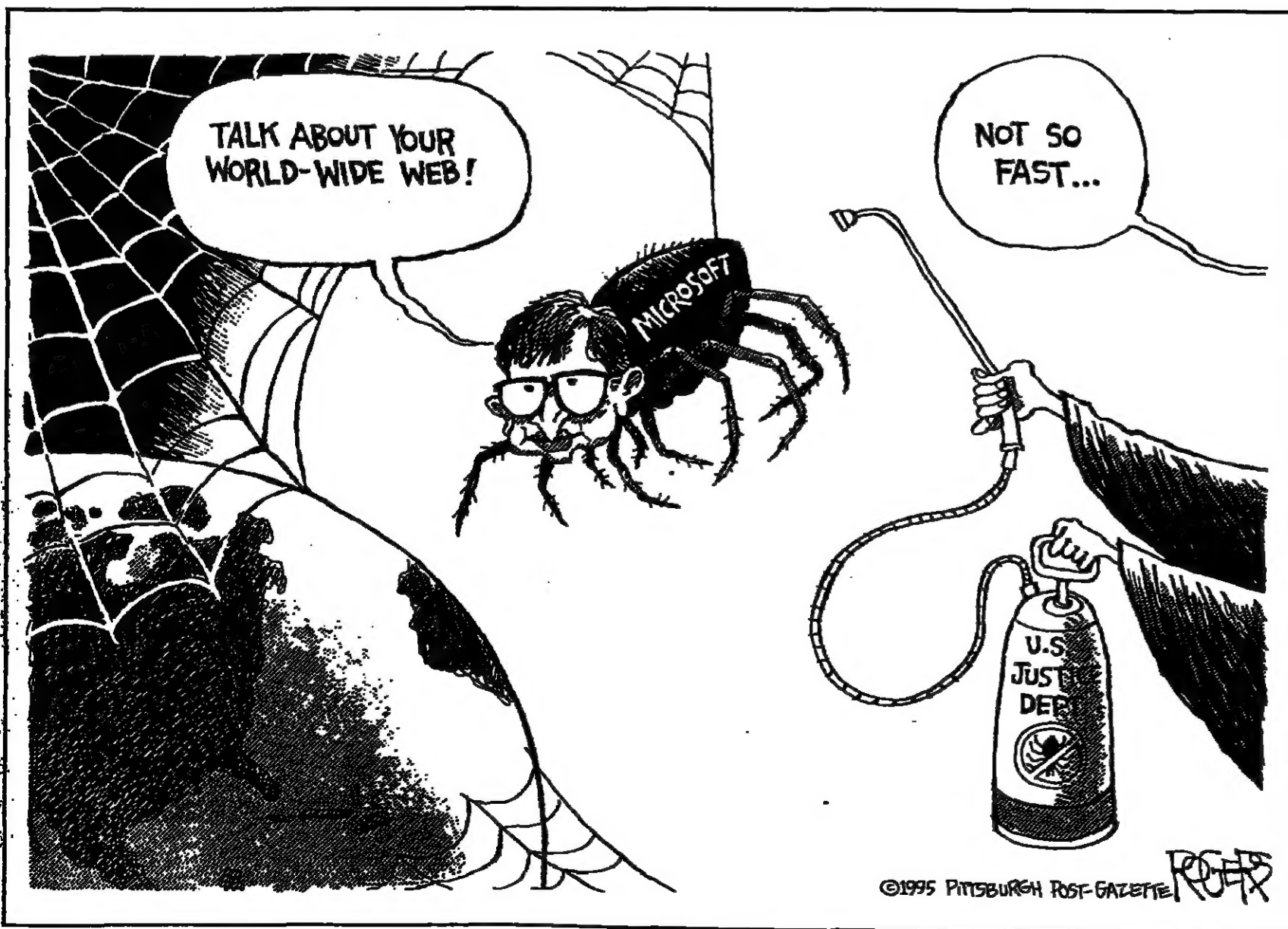
All three objections, of course, were known to Republicans who pushed the EITC for decades. Why do they suddenly carry such weight? Could it be because the GOP drive to balance the budget (while cutting "middle-class" taxes) subordinates all conflicting impulses? The EITC is simply too big a pot of money to pass up.

Then again, did the Republicans ever mean all the soothing things they said about the EITC? Maybe the whole bipartisan flirtation was a cynical bait and switch. First, Republicans get Democrats to drop their pet projects in favor of the EITC. Then, the moment the Republicans attain power on their own, they are shocked to discover the EITC is "fraud-prone." It's a sequence we may well see repeated elsewhere: First neoliberals turn HUD into a voucher program; then Republicans kill the vouchers.

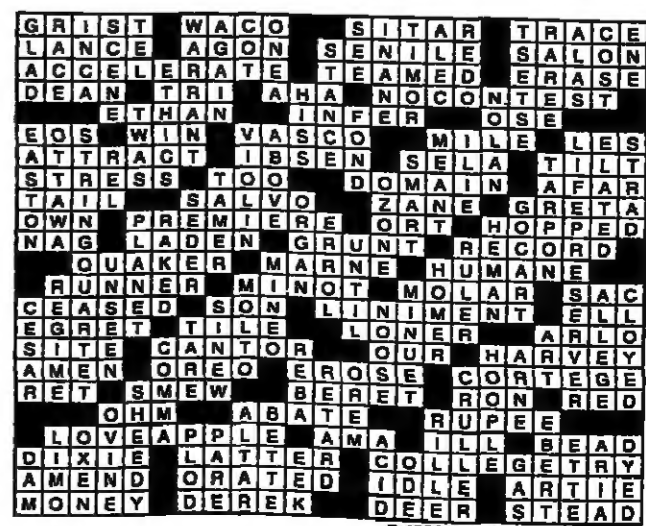
But I'm not sure, in the EITC case, that the seduction didn't run the other way. When Reagan and Bush embraced the EITC, after all, they were implicitly conceding that the income distribution generated by the market can be so unequal that the government should subsidize those at the bottom. This is a highly subversive principle, at least for Republicans. It can justify a whole range of public initiatives to "make work pay." No wonder the right is eager to wriggle out of the EITC deal.

If Republicans are only now wising up to the activist implications of neoliberal principles, then neoliberals should hardly feel suckered. Instead, they need to defend those principles. Why shouldn't full-time workers be assured a material minimum? A few months ago, The American Spectator published a flimsy EITC-bashing article that nevertheless conceded "there is a serious problem among men with high-school (or less) education, whose incomes have remained stagnant." But the solution to this problem, suggested the Spectator, must await a "re-organization of the nation's economy." Hmm. Isn't that The Nation's line? Until the happy day when capitalism is transformed, we at least have the EITC. Let's keep it.

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# 3,000 athletes gather for Hapoel Games

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THE 36 people who gathered in a Haifa club 71 years ago to usher in the notion of Hapoel would probably blush with equal measures of embarrassment and pride if they could see how a socialist experiment, meant to honor working class sportsmen, has blossomed into a prime-time extravaganza.

This year's 15th Game offer few similarities between the First Games in 1928 with 18 participating clubs or the Fifth Games in 1952 when the first overseas visitors trickled in. This year brings together 3000 top athletes from 41 countries in an unprecedented recognition of sporting achievement.

Comparing these games with the last Hapoel Games in 1991, President of Hapoel's Board of Directors, Yoram Oberkowitz, comments, "The 14th Games, held one month after the Gulf War, were on a much smaller scale with only 500 participants. Since then, Hapoel has become the largest club in Israel and this year's games aim to do justice both to Hapoel and to the caliber of the sportspeople involved."

While Hapoel remains faithful to its commitments to CSIT (Confederation Sportive Internationale du Travail), the international organization of labor sports, the fact that it is held quadrennially in the year preceding the Olympic Games, has made it a yardstick for testing local and international sporting standards.

The other sporting extravaganza in this country - the Maccabiah - is held quadrennially the year following the Olympics.



TOP OF THE WORLD - Ukrainian pole vaulting superstar Sergei Bubka will be the star attraction at the Hapoel Games track and field meeting at Hadar Yosef on Thursday evening.

This year, with Israel's growing acceptance in the world, Cuban sports stars are participating for the first time while the dissolution of the Soviet Union has led to a number of states aligning themselves with CSIT.

Nobody will question pop sing-

er Diana Ross' sporting links when she takes center stage tomorrow night for the spectacular opening ceremony in the national stadium at Ramat Gan. Besides official guests President Ezer Weizman and Histadrut head Haim Ramon, the entertainment

will be provided by local stars David Broza and Riki Gal during a 90-minute gala.

Back on the sporting fields, the three main events will be in track and field, swimming and gymnastics, judging by the names involved.

Ukrainian Sergei Bubka may hold the world record in the pole vault event at 6.14m but clipping his heels will be French champion Jean Galfion with a record of 5.94m, Bubka's brother Vasily and the local crop led by Danny Kraznov.

Two of Cuba's outstanding sportsmen in the triple jump, Yuefils Kavasda (17.68m) and Joel Garcia (17.21m) are expected to dominate their event.

In keeping with many leading athletic meets, all the categories will be packed into a four-hour festival on June 15 at Hadar Yosef stadium, beginning at 6 pm.

China's delegation looks certain to dominate both the swimming and gymnastics events. World champion 20-year-old Le Jingyi, with record times of 24.51s in the 50m freestyle and 54.01s in the 100m freestyle, will be hungry to augment her collection of gold medals from last year's world championships in Rome.

Poland's world champion in the 100m butterfly with a time of 53.41s, Rafal Szulka, is another prestigious name hitting the waters of Tel Aviv University's pool.

The gymnastics competition, always a crowd-pleaser, will also be contested on an international level at the newly inaugurated hall at Hadar Yosef stadium.

Ivan Ivankov, the champion

from Belarus, accompanied by five-time Olympic gold medalist Nellie Kim, now head of gymnastics in Belarus, is the figure to watch while China's best gymnasts, Chen Qiaozhen, Li Qian and Fu Yunfei are sure to impress no less.

The weightlifting meet at the University of the Negev in Beer-sheva has official recognition as the European youth and women tournaments, and has aroused massive interest with 250 entries registered from 28 countries.

Germany is sure to lead the wrestling competition in Rehovot with its band of Barcelona medalists, Oleg Kochrenko (gold, 52kg), Alfred Tar-Makarchian (silver, 57kg), Rifat Yeldiz (silver, 62kg) and Mike Bulman (gold, 90kg).

From the in-your-face contact to the open seas where the world's best will compete off Nahariya beach in the Olympic mistral boardsailing category, Israel's Amih Inbar, fifth in last year's world championships, will set sail against New Zealand's Aaron McIntosh, last year's world champion. Also trying for Israel will be Amir Levinson and Gai Friedman and among the women, Michal Hein, Sivan Asaf and Miri Ram.

But not everything is sport. To complement the physical with the intellectual, an exhibition of painting and sculpture with the theme of Peace, Sport and Aliya is taking place in Rishon LeZion's Arts and Crafts Center, presenting talent like Tanya Preminger, Shlomo Tzafir, Dan Kadar, Harold Rubin, Gad Ullman and Alexander Bogen. The exhibition will run until July 15.

## Rockets pull further away from Magic

ORLANDO (AP) - The Orlando Magic's high-powered offense broke down, and Houston's road show roared right by.

The Rockets, led by Hakeem Olajuwon's 34 points, took a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals on Friday night, running past Orlando 117-106 and setting an NBA record with their seventh consecutive playoff road win.

The series shifts to Houston for today's Game 3, the first of three at The Summit, where the Rockets are 4-4 in the postseason.

A big first half by Olajuwon and reserve point guard Sam Cassell, who tied his career playoff high with 31 points, put the Magic down by 22 at halftime, and they never recovered.

Shaquille O'Neal had 23 of his 33 points in the second half and Anfernee Hardaway added 32, but they didn't get much help. The team that led the league in scoring during the regular season simply got too far behind to catch up.

Now Orlando, only the second team to lose the first two games of the finals at home, may have fallen too far behind in the series to catch up.

Only two teams have managed to come back from an 0-2 deficit in the finals - the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers won the title after dropping the first two games to Philadelphia, and Boston bounced back to beat the Lakers in 1969.

While Houston set another NBA record with its ninth road victory of the postseason, the Magic lost consecutive games at home for the first time this season.

"In the first half, we executed everything we wanted to do; the guys passed the ball, the ball

movement was great," Cassell said. "The defense was excellent, we allowed them one shot and we did the things we needed to do on offense."

Clyde Drexler overcame early foul trouble to score 23 points for Houston, and Robert Horry had 11 points and seven steals. Kenny Smith, who had 23 points in Game 1, was scoreless in 19 minutes, but it didn't matter with the Rockets shooting 52 percent.

"When you have five guys contributing, everybody being a part of it, everybody knowing they're going to be a part of it, that's when you're going to be successful," Cassell said.

The Magic's two 23-year-old All-Stars carried their more-tested teammates. Nick Anderson, whose four missed free throws in the final 10.5 seconds of Game 1 cost the Magic a win in regulation, was 4-of-13 from the field and Dennis Scott was 3-of-10.

Orlando shot 34 percent for the second half, and the misery was spread around. O'Neal, shooting 58 percent in the playoffs, was 3-of-10, Anderson was 0-of-4 and Scott was 2-of-7.

HOUSTON (117) Orlando 117 (106) Horry 4-10 22-21, Olajuwon 14-30 34-34, Smith 0-2 0-0, Drexler 7-10 12-23, Brown 4-8 0-0, Cassell 6-12 11-21, Jones 0-0 2-2, O'Neal 0-0 0-0. Totals 39-75 34-41 117.

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## Barkan victorious in Vanessa Phillips final

HEATHER CHAIT

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD Nelly Barkan, a new immigrant from the Ukraine, marked a straightforward 6-2, 6-2 win over Israel's Tzipori Obziler in the final of the \$10,000 Vanessa Phillips tournament in Haifa yesterday.

Second seed Barkan added the Haifa title to that she collected last week in Jaffa.

In Friday's semifinal, Barkan, 375 in the WTA rankings, defeated Limor Gabai 6-3, 6-4 and Obziler downed Floor Vioen from Holland 6-3, 6-1.

Barkan completed a clean sweep of the two-week tournament by also taking both doubles titles, partnered by Ukrainian Tessa Shapovalova.

Yesterday their victims were Gabai and Argentina's Pamela Zingman who lost 6-4, 6-4 in a finely contested match.

Most of Israel's top players will be on court this week in the Hapoel Games tennis tournament which begins today at the Hapoel courts in Tel Aviv.

Among the men, Gilad Bloom is top seed, followed by Ofer Sela and Boaz Merenstein with Shiri Benstein, Zingman and Naily Cahana leading the women seeds.

Morocco's two tennis players scheduled to compete had not confirmed their arrival by last night but organizers were considering a redraw if they do arrive.

## 'Maradona will play for Boca'

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Soccer star Diego Maradona will play for his old club Boca Juniors when his 15-month FIFA ban expires in September, club president Antonio Alegre said Friday.

"Diego has accepted our offer and will sign next week," Alegre told reporters outside the Boca stadium in Buenos Aires. Details of the contract, believed to be for two years, were not released.

The announcement came three days after talks about Maradona

possibly joining Pale's old Brazilian club Santos broke down and one day after talks began between his agent and Boca.

"This is a great day for Boca and a great day for all soccer fans who want to see Diego playing again," Alegre said.

Alegre said he was also hoping to sign Maradona's former international teammate Claudio Caniggia who is to be released sometime this summer by Italian club Roma.

## Blackhawks still kicking

CHICAGO (Reuters) - After three successive losses in one-goal contests took Chicago to the brink of being swept from the Western Conference Finals, the Blackhawks wanted no part of another close game.

They got their wish Thursday, emphatically snapping Detroit's eight-game post-season winning streak.

Jonathan Savard scored twice and set up one of Joe Murphy's two goals as the Blackhawks bolted to a 5-0 lead after two periods and held on for a 5-2 victory over the Red Wings.

Despite bouncing back from a double overtime home loss in Game 3 to avoid elimination, Chicago still faces a daunting uphill battle, beginning with Game 5 today in Detroit.

Only two teams in National Hockey League history have come back from three games to none deficits to win a seven-game playoff series - the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and 1975 New York Islanders.

The Red Wings, who had the best regular season record in the NHL, need to win just one of the next three games to wrap up their first trip to the Stanley Cup Finals since 1966, when they fell to the Blackhawks. Chicago has been back to the Finals but has not won the Stanley Cup since.

Savard, who had a very strong game, scored 7:07 into the contest to open the scoring.

Murphy tallied just over four minutes later on a slap shot from the top of the left circle and Dirk Graham made it 3-0 with 3:19 left in the first period. Just over four minutes into the second period, Savard scored his sixth goal of the playoffs on a breakaway, deking Detroit goaltender Mike Vernon to the ice before slipping the puck behind him for a commanding 4-0 lead. That sent Vernon to the bench in favor of back-up goalie Chris Osgood.

Murphy's ninth post-season tally came on the power play with just over two minutes left in the second period, putting the game pretty much out of reach at 5-0.

With Murphy camped out on Osgood's doorstep, Savard got the Detroit goalie's attention, drawing him out of his net. Savard then put a perfect cross-crease pass onto Murphy's stick for an easy stuff into the open side of the net.

Chicago goaltender Ed Belfour had his shutout bid spoiled by his own star defenseman, Chris Chelios, who accidentally swatted the puck into his own net 4:49 into the third period. Detroit's Kris Draper, who was nearby, was credited with the goal.

The Red Wings got captain Steve Yzerman back in the lineup but played without injured center Sergei Fedorov.

Last night Philadelphia was at New Jersey for Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals. New Jersey leads the series 2-1.

## New driving range gives golf a lift

DAVID ISAACSON

GOLF has never been a major sport here. In New Jersey, which has a land mass similar in size to Israel, there are some 600 golf courses. But Israel has only the Caesarea Golf Club - in a location that underlines the image of the sport as the preserve of the rich. All that is in the throes of change.

Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport inaugurated this week a golf instruction center and driving range, a generous gift from S. Daniel Abraham. In addition to a 230-meter driving range, there is a putting green, sand trap and state-of-the-art equipment including a swing trainer, loft and lie machine and video equipment.

The institute's greatest teaching aid, however, is in the person of instructor Paula Adelman. The former pro at Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Adelman coached US Tour player Skeeter Heath before coming here.

Adelman is also a former tennis pro and swimming champion. Five years ago, she decided to bring her skills and experience here.

She suggests that the trend among American sports psychologists to emphasize the mental side of the game should not be at the expense of technique. "Nobody is going to shoot a birdie, let alone an eagle or an albatross without the physical skills. 'You can't think yourself out of a swing unless you have a swing in the first place,' she says. And, as she admits, "it's more difficult than it looks."

Adelman claims that all sectors of society, and not just the wealthy, stand to gain from a new golf facility. She points to the many poor children from Or



AWAY WE GO - Local golfer tees off at Wingate.

Aviva who receive subsidized training at the Caesarea course. Indeed one of Or Aviva's most famous sons is former national golf champion Rahamim Assayag.

Israel's most celebrated amateur player is former President Chaim Herzog, who has been known to play through thunder, lightning and heavy rain; and through the aftermath of the 1988 election results. The then-president had to be called away from the golf course to charge Yitzhak Shamir to form a government.

Current national champion, 30-year-old Per Lund says that the Wingate facility is comparable to golf centers in the US and Europe. "It will result in more good players," claims the former Norwegian immigrant.

Women's champion Tamar Renassia, 21, has been driving and putting for 11 years. A student in Kfar Sava, she looks forward to taking regular practice sessions at the institute.

But will the sport catch on with only one full, 18-hole course? There is talk of building another

links in Ashkelon and possibly elsewhere. "If the Wingate center takes off, it will be a great impetus," says Adelman.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Israel Golf Association chairman Gil Peres said the country needs to breed more golfers. He also pointed out the sport's importance as a tourist attraction.

Israel Sport and Physical Education Authority director Yairiv Oren said that the "booming economy and peace prospects will result in people having more leisure time for the 'Royal and Ancient Sport'."

Golf is already popular among the Anglo community, especially immigrants from the US, South Africa and Britain. "When you've got the bug, you'll travel any distance to play," says Adelman, citing the example of a player living in Jerusalem who drives to the Caesarea links two or three times a week. "Now a number of Israelis are also getting addicted."

One such recent convert is top sports broadcaster Yoram Arbel. Having taken up the sport five months ago, he too has caught "the virus." Arbel points to coverage of international events on Cable TV as a boon to local interest.

"I forecast a bright future for golf here," he says. "The climate and the scenery are right. Europeans are looking for warm places to play besides Spain and Portugal."

He is full of praise for the Wingate initiative. "This is a major development - it gives the sport legitimacy," he says. "It shows that golf is not just for the elderly. It will change the sport's whole image, as the Wingate Institute is such a well known symbol of youth and excellence."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Local lawn bowls

The Ra'anana Lawn Bowls Club took the first four places in their annual Shavnot tournament, which included 200 bowlers in a three-day open competition of mixed fours, sponsored by Dienesbaum Tours.

In an excellent closely contested final, Jeff Rabkin, Merle Swerdlow, Kimmie Greenbaum, and Annette Samuelsohn, edged out Jack Trappier, Trevor Armband, David Trappier and Denny Galland. With all eight players, playing accurate bowls, Rabkin's side won 18-16.

Third place went to the Silberstein family trio of Gordon, Cobi and Gita, who together with Joe Goldberg, had a comfortable 16-5 win against Leon Blum, Len Averbuch, Lennie Rome and Ina Averbuch.

Norman Spiro

### 5,000 meters world record broken

Kenyan Moses Kiptanui lowered the men's 5,000 meters world record by more than one and a half seconds when he clocked 12 minutes 55.30 seconds at the IAAF Golden Gala Grand Prix meeting in Rome on Thursday.

Kiptanui bettered the previous mark of 12:56.96 set by Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie in the Dutch town of Hengelo a year ago.

The Kenyan soldier already possesses the 3,000 meters steeplechase record, an event in which he is world champion.

Reuters

## Last-minute goals save England from Sweden

LEEDS (Reuters) - Two goals in the final two minutes by David Platt and Darren Anderton earned England a 3-3 draw with Sweden on Thursday and saved the team from its biggest home defeat for 23 years.

Anderton's stunning goal seconds from the end came after the Tottenham winger's volley struck both posts before ripping into the back of goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli's net.

A minute earlier England skipper Platt had scored what appeared to be a consolation goal that would merely make Sweden's winning margin more acceptable to the disappointed home fans.

The draw was hardly deserved and punished the Swedes for missing chances that would have given them a comprehensive victory.

Two goals by Hakan Mild and one by Kenneth Andersson looked to have set up Sweden for a comfortable victory in this International Challenge tournament.

England, playing a home match away from Wembley for the first time since 1966, played as if it had lost its bearings completely.

It would have been Sweden's first win of 1995 to end a dismal sequence of results.

It has been beaten by Turkey and Hungary and drew 1-1 with Iceland in its recent European championship qualifiers.

England played well in patches, especially in the first half, but it seemed to run out of inspiration and ideas long before the end.

If it was not automatically ensured of a place in next year's European championship finals as the host nation, it is unlikely it would qualify on this form.

Mild scored after the 10th and 36th minutes, while Andersson added the third 22 seconds into the second half.

Teddy Sheringham, playing for England for the eighth time, scored his first international goal just before halftime, before Platt and Anderton lifted the gloom for the 32,008 Elland Road crowd.

England made a bright start following its ragged performance in beating Japan 2-1 last Saturday. But it was soon back in trouble when it fell behind to Mild's soft goal.

Niklas Gudmundsson powered in a left-foot drive which Flowers parried. The ball came out to Mild who had time and space to float the ball back into the danger area.

Gudmundsson failed to connect with a hook shot but distracted goalkeeper Tim Flowers enough for him to allow Mild's floated shot to find the far corner of the net.

Flowers was at fault for Sweden's second. He failed to hold a shot by Gary Sundgren and it rebounded straight into the path of Mild who swept it in from close range.

Sheringham, who missed badly with a header after 20 minutes, made amends in the final minute of the half, volleying home with his left foot.

But immediately after the halftime break Sweden regained its two-goal advantage.

Pontus Karmark sent a high through ball up to Kenneth Andersson who found himself in space and he lobbed the ball over Flowers. Gudmundsson, Henrik Larsson and Mild all had good chances to put Sweden beyond England's reach against an experimental back four which included debutant Colin Cooper and Warren Barton, whose only other appearance for England was in the abandoned match against Ireland in February.

But the Swedes wasted all the opportunities that came their way.



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# S. Africa to play France in World Cup semifinal

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Black Flyer Chester Williams made a dream return to Test rugby yesterday, running in four tries in South Africa's 42-14 victory over Western Samoa in the World Cup quarter-finals.

South Africa enjoyed near total domination for the first 60 minutes but relaxed after establishing a 35-point buffer and allowed the Samoans to run in two tries in the last quarter.

Williams, dropped because of a hamstring injury from South Africa's original squad for the World Cup, won back his place after winger Pieter Hendriks was suspended for fighting in the pool match against Canada.

Another South African star in the victory, which wins them a semifinal match against France next Saturday, was scrum-half Joost van der Westhuizen, twice the victim of dangerous tackles in the first half.

South Africa paid a high price for the victory, with full-back Andre Joubert leaving the field with a broken bone in his hand in the 16th minute and flanker Ruben Kruger aggravating an old shoulder injury.

Williams, darling of the near-capacity crowd of 60,000 at Johannesburg's Ellis Park stadium, scored his first try in the left hand corner to finish off a move that started on the half-way line when lock Mark Andrews poached a Samoan line-out throw in.

The final pass was flung out by Joubert, who was felled without the ball by Samoan full-back Mike Umaga. The Samoan received a warning from the referee for a second late tackle on van der Westhuizen.

Joubert, who damaged his hand in the second minute of the game, went off after the tackle and was replaced by Brendan Venter.

South Africa will also be worried by the poor kicking form of Gavin Johnson, equally at home on the wing or at full-back, who missed three straight-forward kicks.

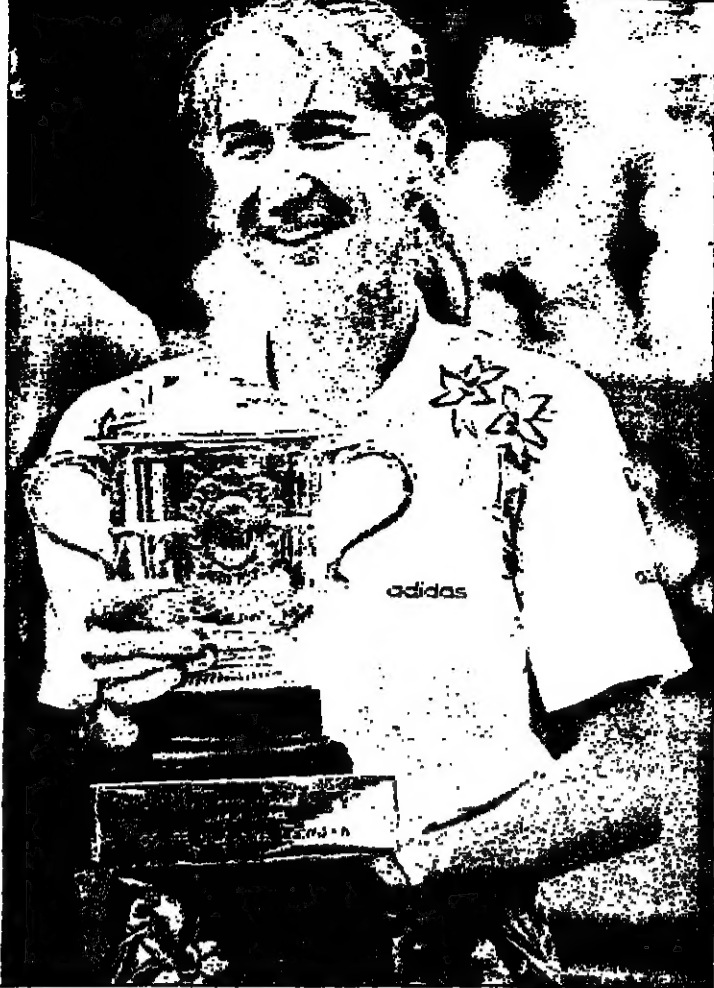
First choice kicker Joel Stransky was left out because of an eye injury and should be back for the semifinal.

In the 24th minute Williams went over in the left corner for his second try, collecting a pass from Kruger and taking the score to 16-0.

Just before half-time Scottish referee Jim Fleming awarded South Africa a penalty five meters out from the Samoan line for a dangerous tackle on van der Westhuizen.

The scrum-half took a short tap and handed the

# Graf wins French Open title



PARIS (AP) - Steffi Graf captured her fourth French Open title and the No. 1 ranking from Arantxa Sanchez Vicario with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-0 victory yesterday.

Graf, four days away from her 26th birthday, dominated the defending champion in the decisive set to extend her unbeaten streak this year to 25.

It was Graf's first Grand Slam title since the 1994 Australian Open and the 16th Grand Slam crown in her remarkable career.

Graf burst into tears after receiving the trophy and delivering a brief victory speech on Center Court that ended with: "I just want to say I am very happy." Overcome by emotion, she was unable to continue.

Graf's first Grand Slam title came in 1987 also at Roland Garros, where she also won in 1988 and 1993.

"This one perhaps meant more. It's not my favorite surface but this win feels really good because two weeks ago I didn't expect to be here," Graf said later.

The No. 1 ranking changed hands between Graf and Sanchez Vicario for the sixth time this year.

It was the first time since the 1987 Wimbledon final between Graf and Martina Navratilova that the two top-ranked players met in a Grand Slam final for the No. 1 ranking.

Battling back and leg injuries, Graf has played sparingly this year. But she has lost only two sets, and both here, one in the final to Sanchez Vicario and one in the semifinal against Conchita Martinez. She has won all five tournaments she has played this year.

The victory was worth \$503,740 to Graf, while Sanchez Vicario had to settle for \$251,870.

The final was suspended twice by rain, the second time at 5-0 in

the final and had to beat three seeded players in six matches to reach the final.

Sanchez Vicario, 23, had lost only once in 22 matches on clay this year until the final.

Graf now holds a 25-8 career edge over Sanchez Vicario, who won the last two matches and beat the German in their last clash, at the US Open final.

With her fourth French Open title, Graf tied for third on the all-time Roland Garros list with Helen Wills-Moody of the US. Chris Evert leads with seven.

After splitting early service breaks, Graf was leading 5-4 with Sanchez Vicario serving when rain stopped play for 20 minutes in the first set.

Graf returned to hold a set point but the Spaniard saved it with a backhand winner.

On Sanchez Vicario's serve, Graf went up 30-0 when she chased a drop shot and put a reflex volley back for a winner.

Graf held two set points when she caught a line with a backhand approach shot. She won the set when Sanchez Vicario netted a backhand.

Graf went up a break in the second set for a 2-0 lead, then lost the next four games with a series of unforced errors.

Three Graf unforced errors, including a service return long at set point, gave Sanchez Vicario the second set.

In the men's final today, Thomas Muster takes his 34th match unbeaten streak on clay against Michael Chang, the 1989 winner who ended Sergi Bruguera's two-year reign as champion in the semifinals Friday with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-0) victory.

Muster, playing the kind of awesome tennis that has made him invincible this year on clay, overwhelmed Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 in the first semifinal.

## England's Cook wins Hapoel Games triathlon

JOHN Cook, 32, of England and Mary Ambrey, 19, of Denmark won the Hapoel Games men's and women's triathlon events, held at Haifa and Tel Aviv, Sunday.

Cook, a former deputy world champion and European champion, completed the 1.5-kilometer swimming, 45-km cycling and 10-km running laps in a total time of 1 hour, 53 minutes, 35 seconds.

Second in the men's race was Switzerland's Mathias van Dael in 1:57:22 and third was Israel's Ido Meiri in 1:57:59. Meiri's 36:05 minutes for the 10-km run was the best of all the contestants.

The second Israeli who passed the finish line was Amir Bachar of Elmek Hayarden who was ranked fourth with a time of 1:58:06. The third-best Israeli was Yaniv Atzmon (2:00:50).

Ambrey's time was 2:05:02, and she was ranked ninth in the overall finish.

Among the women, Karina Oberger was second in 2:15:31 and third was Israel's Bonnie Eshel in 2:16:19.

Second and third among the Israeli women were Meirav Turshish (2:18:45) and Tali Rozenstein (2:23:34).

More than 200 competitors from six countries took part. The prizes were presented to the winners by Hapoel managing director Yoram Oberkowitz and Haifa Mayor Amnon Miztzen.

In Friday's action, German sharpshooter Torsten Karves won his third gold medal at the shooting events which ended at the Herzliya Olympic Shooting Range.

Torves won the free rifle 50m competition. In the three volleys he scored a total of 1263.5 points. The silver medal was taken by Germany's Sivan Shuller and the bronze by Israel's Boris Polk.

In the previous two days, Karves won the gold medals for the free rifle prone and the air rifle events.

German's Donya Belharz also won her third gold medal in the women's rifle event. She scored 573, ahead of Israel's Lilal Gamliel (565) and Israel's Hannei Okonski (558).

In the 25m pistol event, Israel's Michal Benvisi surprised fellow countrywoman Yalena Tripolski. Benvisi scored 572, ahead of Tripolski's 569.

## Walsh boosts Windies with Atherton's wicket

LEEDS (Reuters) - Courtney Walsh, so often West Indies' fast bowling inspiration in recent series, boosted their victory hopes in the first Test by grabbing the key wicket of England captain Mike Atherton yesterday.

Walsh removed Atherton for 17 as England, 83 behind on first innings, slumped to 109 for four at the close on the third day at Headingley where bad light cut short the final session by 95 minutes.

Opener West Indies' wicket is the one Atherton prize above all others, such is his growing stature at the top of the order, and Walsh accounted for the England skipper with a fine, lifting delivery he edged to wicket-keeper Junior Murray.

With Robin Smith (6) again failing in his experimental role as opener, Graeme Hick (27) immediately following Atherton back to the pavilion and Alec Stewart (4) going cheaply, West Indies tightened its grip.

The overcast day had started more encouragingly for England as it polished off the touring team's last five first innings wickets for 46 after resuming at 236 for five.

England's encouraging early morning session was influenced by effective pace bowling from Phillip DeFreitas and Peter Martin, the former making the initial inroads with two wickets in 18 deliveries.

DeFreitas had Murray caught at short cover for 20 and then removed Keith Arthurton for 42 with a catch behind.

Bishop (5) was run out when non-striker Curly Ambrose did not respond to his partner's call for what would have been a comfortable single.

Darren Gough, troubled by a back strain on Friday, claimed his first wicket of the match with his fourth ball of the day when Walsh (4) skied an attempted drive and wicketkeeper Stewart held the catch running towards the boundary.

Devon Malcolm ended the innings when Ambrose (15) lofted a drive to Gough at cover.

West Indies swiftly broke through with the new ball when Smith's back-foot forcing shot against Ambrose sent the ball

## Lammtarra wins Derby

EPSOM, England (Reuters) - Lammtarra, who would have given murdered Newmarket trainer Alex Scott his first Epsom Derby, yesterday handed the Dubai owner of Sheikh Mohammed a bitter-sweet victory in the world's most famous horse race.

The 14-1 chance, in only the second race of his life, ran out a game winner of a hard-fought race by a length from Tamure (9-1) with Presenting (12-1) third, a further three-quarters of a length away.

The colt smashed the Derby course record in a race which saw 11-8 hot favorite Pennekamp trailing in a dismal 11th.

**SCOREBOARD**

LOCAL CRICKET - North Yorkshire 315/7 (S. Stanger 147, S. Ray 62, A. Daniels 51) beat Yorkshire 96 (M. Tahir 35).

Asquith 4 259 (R. Awarake 37, M. Wadawar 54, R. Paskar 3-29) beat Peshawar 140 (S. Khan 53, A. Awarake 5-40, A. Wadawar 3-35).

Netsanya 234/7 (D. Silver 78, R. Nickel 61) beat Ramle 95 (M. Jacobs 3/4).

Yessang 62/10 (S. Solomon 57) beat Dismant 79 (R. Adnan 6-36, E. Bismayim 3-13).

## Wakefield comes through for Bosox

BOSTON (AP) - Knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, discarded by Pittsburgh in spring training but dominant with Boston, pitched 7 1/2 innings of hitless ball Friday night as the Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 4-1.

Wakefield (4-0) finished with a three-hitter. He's won four starts in 14 days since joining Boston on May 27, and has an 0.54 ERA.

Wakefield, trying to pitch the first no-hitter for the Red Sox and the first at Fenway Park overall since Dave Morehead on September 16, 1965, against Cleveland, lost his bid when Stan Javier lined a clean single to center field.

Wakefield, who had a perfect game through 5 1/2 innings, struck out five and walked two.

Mike Greenwell hit two doubles and a single, and scored three runs. The Red Sox won for the ninth time in 11 games, beating Dave Stewart (3-5).

Orioles 10, Angels 4

Jeff Manto hit two home runs for the second straight day, and host Baltimore beat California. He became the first Oriole to hit with consecutive two-home run games since Eddie Murray in 1987.

Rafael Palmeiro also hit a pair of home runs for the Orioles and Chris Holmes connected for a two-run shot. Tim Salmon and Jim Edmonds each hit two-run homers for the Angels.

**FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Toronto at Kansas City (upd. rule) Boston 4, Oakland 1  
Baltimore 10, California 4  
Seattle 11, New York 1  
Detroit 6, Minnesota 4  
Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 4  
Texas 6, Chicago 1

**FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
Colorado 2, Chicago 1 (10)  
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 4  
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2 (10)  
Cincinnati 5, Houston 2  
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 8  
San Diego 5, New York 4  
Montreal 9, San Francisco 3

**THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Baltimore 5, Seattle 2  
California 10, Boston 4  
Minnesota 9, Detroit 2  
Oakland 4, New York 7  
Cleveland 8, Milwaukee 7  
Texas 10, Kansas City 9 (18)

**THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
New York 9, San Francisco 6  
Florida 7, Pittsburgh 3  
Colorado 5, Chicago 3  
Cincinnati 6, Houston 3

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## Schumacher on pole for Canadian GP

MONTREAL (Reuters) - Michael Schumacher will start today's Canadian Grand Prix in pole position for the third time this season although hot weather prevented him from improving his time in yesterday's final qualifying session.

The German world champion clocked the fastest time of the session in his Benetton but it was not enough to improve on his best time from Friday when he lapped in one minute 27.661 seconds at an average speed of 181.928 kph.

England first innings (overnight 148-0)  
R. Smith c Richardson b Benjamin 18  
M. Atherton c Murray b Bishop 31  
G. Hick c Campbell b Benjamin 18  
D. Thorpe b Bishop 20  
A. Stewart c Hooper b Bishop 2  
M. Ramprakash c Campbell b Bishop 4  
P. DeFreitas c Murray b K. Benjamin 35  
D. Gough c Ambrose b Bishop 0  
P. Martin c Murray b Ambrose 2  
D. Ambrose not out 0  
D. Malcolm b K. Benjamin 17  
Total (20.5 overs) 16  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-91 3-142 4-148 5-153 6-154 7-194 8-197 9-198  
Bowling: Ambrose 17-4-25-1, Walsh 13-3-30-0, Bishop 16-2-32-5, Benjamin 13-5-20-4.

West Indies first innings  
C. Hooper c Thorpe b Malcolm 0  
S. Campbell run out 0  
B. Lara c Hick b Bishop 18  
J. Adams c Martin b Hick 37  
K. Arthurton c Stewart b DeFreitas 42  
R. Richardson b b Martin 0  
J. Murray c Binworth b DeFreitas 20  
L. Bishop run out 0  
C. Ambrose c Gough b Malcolm 6  
C. Walsh c Stewart b Gough 14  
K. Benjamin not out 16  
Extras (14 16 11) not 16  
Total (20.5 overs) 202  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-65 3-141 4-215 5-219 6-243 7-254 8-254 9-275  
Bowling: Malcolm 22-0-49-2, Gough 11-1-24-1, DeFreitas 23-3-22-5, Martin 27-0-18-1, Binworth 24-0-20-1, Hick 4-0-15-1.

England second innings  
R. Smith c Ambrose b Ambrose 6  
M. Atherton c Murray b Walsh 17  
G. Hick c Walsh b Bishop 37  
D. Thorpe not out 0  
A. Stewart c Murray b Benjamin 4  
M. Ramprakash not out 10  
Extras (10 2 0 0) not 12  
Total (for four wickets) 68  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-45 3-55 4-55 5-55 6-55 7-55 8-55 9-55  
Bowling: Ambrose 11-1-42-1, Walsh 11-3-33-1, Bishop 6-1-31-1, Benjamin 6-1-19-1.

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